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SPECIAL REPORT ON

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHASERS

**'Keegan
can top
30 goals'**

—BOB LATCHFORD

**The fury of
TREVOR
FRANCIS**

West Bromwich
defender Brendon
Batson dispossesses
Bob Latchford of
Swansea City.

Reds revival

LIVERPOOL are poised for a smash and grab raid on several trophies this season including the European Cup they won so handsomely last season.

Yet after the Boxing Day defeat by Manchester City at Anfield they were resting miserably in 12th position in the First Division.

The transformation since then has been nothing short of astonishing.

Liverpool's revival started with the 4-0 hiding they handed Swansea in the F.A. Cup Third Round and has culminated in reaching their second successive League Cup Final.

But Liverpool's priority is success in the League and that objective has been fulfilled also. They are now heavily fancied to win the First Division title for the 13th time.

Bob Paisley, who has led Liverpool to nine major prizes in less than eight years in charge, must take most of the credit for the turn around in the club's fortunes.

SHOOT view!

There is no room in Paisley's football philosophy for sentimental affection. He can be as ruthless as anyone without losing an ounce of his dignity. He can spot a player going over the hill with a cruelly unerring eye.

He sold two England internationals, Ray Clemence and Ray Kennedy. He picked winning teams minus two more capped players, Phil Thompson and David Johnson, and he bravely blooded two youngsters, the razor-sharp striker Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan, a skinny Irishman with pace and skill.

Mark Lawrenson was played out of position until Thompson fell injured and the Irishman from Brighton was slotted successfully into the England defender's position.

Paisley ignored the criticism levelled at goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar in the first half of the season, preferring to back the judgment that persuaded him to sign the Rhodesian born 'keeper. His faith in the 'keeper was soundly based.

League managers come no better than Bob Paisley, the boards of directors come no better than Liverpool's. They never lost faith in the Anfield boss even when the rest of the country believed he had lost his Midas touch.

SIX clubs had held top place as the 22 First Division clubs started the second half of 1981/82, surely a success for the three-points system.

West Ham were the first and they've been followed by Ipswich Town, Swansea City, Manchester United, Manchester City and, more recently, Southampton.

The title race is wide open — even West Brom, in the bottom half of the table, will be right up there if they win all their games in hand.

And, ominously,

Liverpool haven't yet hit the top spot they like to make their own when it matters most.

We've taken a closer look at the five teams we believe have the best chances of winning the Championship.

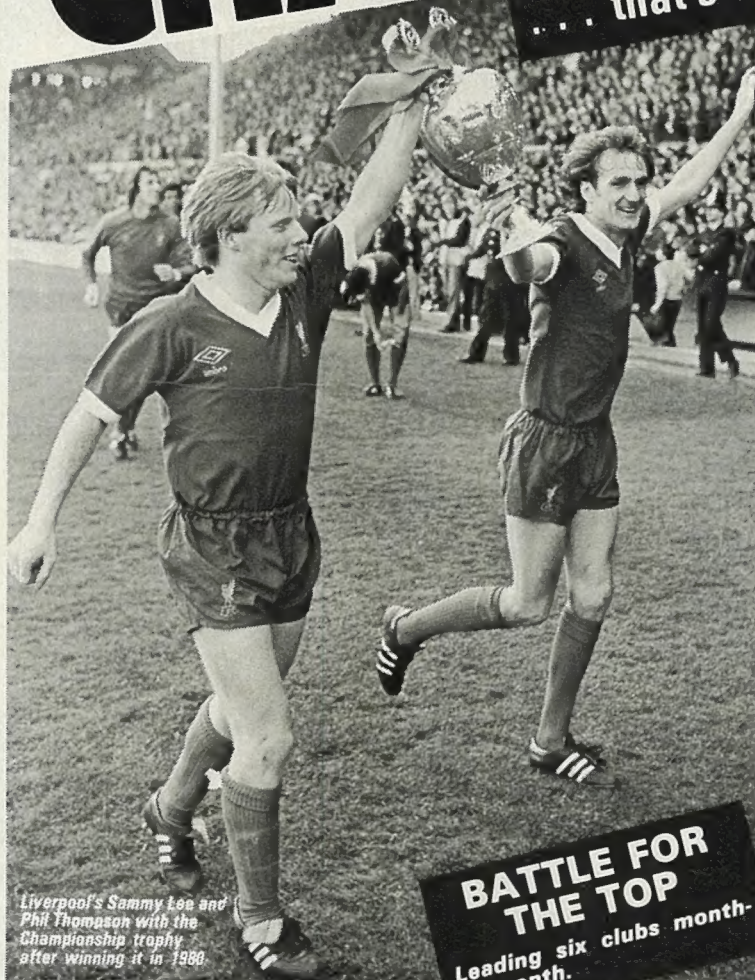
There are, of course, other candidates. Manchester City, for example, but perhaps their position owes something to the higher proportion of games they've played at Maine Road.

Arsenal are still there, despite finding goals and praise hard to come by. And Swansea haven't yet 'blown out'... although for them to qualify for the UEFA Cup would be a magnificent achievement.

Looking at the candidates, we believe Bob Paisley's side have what it takes to win the Championship in what could be a photo-finish.

CHAMPIONS

... that's SHOOT'S prediction in



Liverpool's Sammy Lee and Phil Thompson with the Championship trophy after winning it in 1988.

BATTLE FOR THE TOP

Leading six clubs month-by-month.

Saturday Sept. 26th, 1981

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	7	5	2	0	15	7	17
West Ham	7	4	3	0	15	6	15
Swansea	7	5	0	2	15	10	15
Nottm. For.	7	4	2	1	11	7	14
Spurs	7	4	0	3	10	10	12
Man. City	7	3	2	2	11	8	11

Saturday October 24th

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man. Utd	13	6	5	2	16	7	23
Ipswich	11	7	2	2	22	14	23
Swansea	11	7	1	3	22	16	22
Spurs	11	7	0	4	17	7	21
Nottm. For.	11	5	4	2	14	12	19
West Ham	11	4	6	1	21	13	18

Saturday Nov. 28th

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man. Utd.	17	9	5	3	26	12	32
Swansea	15	9	3	4	26	12	30
Ipswich	15	9	2	4	27	19	29
Spurs	15	9	1	5	25	17	28
Southampton	16	8	3	5	29	23	27
West Ham	15	6	8	1	25	20	26

Saturday Dec. 26th

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	19	10	3	6	30	28	33
Man. Utd.	18	19	5	4	28	15	32
Ipswich	16	10	2	4	28	19	32
Man. City	19	9	4	6	27	21	31
Southampton	18	9	3	6	32	27	30
Spurs	17	9	2	6	26	19	29

LIVERPOOL

Dalglish back to his best

AFTER losing at home to Manchester City on Boxing Day, Liverpool were left in 12th position. Having won only three League games at Anfield all season, their critics were convinced that this time they really were finished.

But since then the Reds haven't put a foot wrong.

Of their first ten games this year, Liverpool won nine and drew the other. They scored 28 times and conceded only two. Their 4-0 thrashing of Ipswich at Anfield left them in third place with games in hand.

So, not surprisingly, we now strongly tip Liverpool to win their 13th League Championship.

After a terrible start to his Anfield career, 'keeper Bruce Grobbelaar is now displaying the kind of consistency which had been Ray Clemence's trademark.

The versatility of Mark Lawrenson has proved another big asset, while Kenny Dalglish is back to his brilliant best.

The arrival of Ronnie Whelan and Ian Rush could not have come at a better time for Bob Paisley's team.

STRENGTHS: The ability to score from almost every department and an unshakeable confidence in their own ability.

WEAKNESSES: None at the moment, although chasing hon-

ours on three fronts could take its toll.
PROSPECTS: Excellent. Liverpool in top gear are a class above all the rest.

SOUTHAMPTON Need more goalscorers

"We are not the best side in the country, but I've always believed it

In Keegan, Ball, Nicholl and Channon they have players with a wealth of experience. All have won top honours in the past, and all are desperate for more.

But Saints seem to rely too heavily on Keegan, Moran and Armstrong for goals. If they aren't on target, it's unlikely anybody else will be.

And, perhaps more importantly, they are playing in a manner which the fans grew accustomed to during the glory days.

Atkinson has such a wealth of talent at his disposal, it is almost embarrassing.

Stapleton and Birtles form one of the best strike partnerships in

At the moment they have games in hand and this could prove decisive, although they could face another fixture backlog.

But the overwhelming impression is that Ipswich are not the team they were last season. **STRENGTHS:** They have some of the finest players in Britain and manager Bobby Robson won't allow them to be bridesmaids again. The younger players have benefited from their chance in the top team and have given Ipswich a solid look.

WEAKNESSES: The same as last term. Will their Cup failures knock the fight out of Ipswich?

PROSPECTS: They must regain confidence following their shattering defeats against Liverpool. If they can do that, Ipswich stand as good a chance as anybody of winning the League, although this time they must win their games in hand.

LIVERPOOL...

our Special Report on the race for the League title.

was possible for us to win the title."

So says Saints' boss Lawrie McMenemy, and it's certainly true that the title might not go to the best team this season.

Those teams who have only the League to aim for have a great advantage over those facing battle on two, three or even four fronts, and Southampton are one of the teams enjoying that benefit.

They led the League race at the start of February, but it must be doubtful as to whether they can remain there.

Southampton have still to travel to nearly all the top teams, and they are at the top almost exclusively on the strength of their fine home form.

STRENGTHS: Virtually unbeatable at The Dell and with only the League to aim for.

WEAKNESSES: Lack sufficient strength in depth if they run into an injury crisis and some of the old legs may not be up to a real battle.

PROSPECTS: Unlikely that they'll win the League, but good enough for a UEFA Cup spot.

MAN. UNITED Have failed against top teams

A lot of people questioned Ron Atkinson's decision to buy success for United when he lashed out for Robson, Stapleton, Moses and Gidman.

But after a shaky start, United are enjoying their best season for a while.

the business, Robson, Wilkins, Moses and Coppell are full of running while their defence is the meanest in the First Division.

Against lesser opposition, United have been quite ruthless — in League games if not so in the Cups. But against other title contenders they have consistently fallen down, and this could indicate they are not yet ready to land the big one.

STRENGTHS: Virtually every player is an international. They won't be caught lacking in experience when the battle is at its fiercest and when they're on form there is no stopping them.

WEAKNESSES: Tend to fall down against the top teams.

PROSPECTS: Fair. If Spurs go for Cup glory and Ipswich fail to arrest their recent slump, it could be between them and Liverpool.

IPSWICH A test of their fighting spirit

Are Bobby Robson's team set to fall at the last fence yet again?

Although injuries haven't helped, they can't totally explain Ipswich's sudden collapse in two disastrous weeks against Liverpool and Shrewsbury.

Now will be the true test of their fighting spirit. They have been written off in certain quarters, and must now prove that they are not a spent force.

Last season they allowed Cup competitions to distract them and Villa nipped in to pinch the title from under their noses.

The same could have happened again, and players such as Muhren, Brazil, Gates and Wark must roll up their sleeves and show us that they can battle it out with the best of them.

TOTTENHAM Too many commitments?

Probably the most entertaining team in the First Division.

Anybody who witnessed their 6-1 demolition of Wolves will know just what Spurs are capable of when they hit top form.

Ray Clemence's arrival has proved absolutely crucial to a team who have always been able to score goals but not always able to keep them out.

Glenn Hoddle, Ricky Villa, Garth Crooks and big Graham Roberts have all hit form at just the right time, but Spurs may have too much on their plate with all their Cup commitments.

Although they have games in hand on the other teams in the hunt, Spurs' poor start to the season may just have left them with too much to do in the closing stages.

Nevertheless, if Keith Burkinshaw does commit his side to a battle for the League, they'll certainly give everybody a run for their money.

STRENGTHS: A fabulously gifted midfield and a defence which has improved beyond all recognition in the last 12 months.

WEAKNESSES: League Cup, F.A. Cup, Cup-Winners' Cup and a lot of outstanding League matches may prove too much. They'll also miss Ossie Ardiles when he returns to join the Argentine World Cup squad.

PROSPECTS: Surely Spurs will enjoy more glory this season but whether it will be in the League must be open to question.



Southampton's Chris Nicholl clears from Bryan Robson of Man. Utd.

Saturday Jan. 30th 1982

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	22	12	4	6	40	30	40
Man. Utd.	22	11	6	5	33	18	39
Ipswich	19	12	2	5	36	26	38
Man. City	22	11	5	6	34	25	38
Liverpool	21	10	6	5	36	20	36
Swansea	22	11	3	8	33	33	36

Saturday Feb 13th

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	25	14	5	6	45	32	47
Man. Utd.	24	13	6	5	38	19	45
Man. City	25	12	6	7	40	28	42
Arsenal	23	12	5	6	21	16	41
Swansea	24	12	4	8	35	34	40
Liverpool	22	11	6	5	40	20	39



Ossie Ardiles goes close during Tottenham's 6-1 thrashing of Wolves.

DERBY DAY IN MANCHESTER... UNITED v CITY... DERBY DAY IN MANCHESTER

LOCAL derbies are usually close, low-scoring affairs with, too often, the emphasis on the physical side rather than skill.

However, I believe this Saturday's game against City could see a few goals and a lot of good football.

The clash at Maine Road last October ended 0-0. It was my second game for United and I remember that it wasn't as fierce as I thought it would be.

The local derbies I played in for West Brom against Aston Villa — and they're every bit as competitive as any other derby — were far more 'competitive' in the wrong way, with the emphasis too often on kicking than football.

I now know what the Manchester derby means to Manchester folk. People have been talking about the

I don't see City as realistic Championship challengers. The title will go to either Liverpool, Spurs, Ipswich, Southampton or ourselves.

John Bond has changed the City side almost every week since he arrived 18 months ago. At first he bought men to do a specific short-term job and I think the side did better than even Bond expected, reaching the F.A. Cup Final.

Now, Bond seems to be buying more quality players... players around whom he can build a team... players with flair.

And none has more than Trevor Francis, a fabulous player who we must watch closely at Old Trafford. I particularly like Trevor's pace, but he isn't just fast, he has the skill needed to be clinical with his finishing.

On his day Trevor is probably the most dangerous player in the

who's come in and made a name for himself this year.

City were top of the First Division for a while, but I feel this was because they'd played more home games than away matches and their undersoil heating enabled them to play while other matches were frozen off.

I wonder if City have the strength in depth to maintain a serious challenge for the Championship. I believe the team who can accommodate a few injuries and maintain consistency will take the title.

A few weeks ago Liverpool were written off and it was said that the First Division title was as good as at Ipswich. A couple of games later and no one could touch Liverpool, while Ipswich had their backs to the wall.

I'm still not convinced about the three-points-for-a-win ruling, but it does mean the make-up of Division

One can change dramatically from week to week.

I've never written off Liverpool, although a couple of defeats and their chances will be reduced.

I also feel it's important for teams at the top to take a positive attitude to away games. A draw means you've lost two points. When I hear that Ipswich or Spurs have drawn away it doesn't bother me.

A year ago it was a good result. Now, especially against teams in the lower reaches of Division One, it's two points lost rather than one gained.

I've been hoping that our Championship rivals have long Cup runs with a few replays to add to their burden. At the end of the day the fact that we've had only the title on our minds for most of this year could be a deciding factor.

'Plenty of goals-and excitement'

game all week and it's far more to them than just three points.

As a lad I remember being upset if Sunderland beat Newcastle, as they did too often for my liking. The week after the match was sheer agony as Sunderland supporters made sarcastic comments, reminding us Geordies that we'd lost.

I'll probably enjoy this weekend's clash more now that I've settled in the area. To me, the game is still three points, although as City are still near the top it's vital we don't slip and give them an advantage.

League, although he'd be the first to admit he hasn't really done himself justice in an England shirt.

Trevor's been unlucky with injuries at times when he's looked like making the breakthrough, notably after our 2-0 win in Spain two years ago when he was the star in Barcelona.

I also have a high regard for Joe Corrigan, as good a goalkeeper as you'll find. My pal, Asa Hartford, typifies City's competitive spirit in midfield, although I'll probably be up against young Steve Kinsey



BRYAN ROBSON
Writes for you

Steve Kinsey (right) will probably mark Bryan on Saturday. The United star (below left) faced his Manchester rivals in only his second game for the club.



Bryan Robson.



AS Trevor Francis prepares to play in his first Manchester derby since his £1m transfer from Nottingham Forest earlier this season, he hit back at the critics who have called him injury-prone.

The Manchester City and England striker says: "It's not a very nice tag to have and I don't believe it's true. I've played almost 400 games since I came into the game 11 years ago and I think most professionals would be proud of that."

"I have had two serious injuries. A ruptured knee tendon at

Birmingham and a severed Achilles tendon at Forest. People might say that makes me injury prone.

"I'm a positive sort of person and I always like to look on the bright side. So I prefer to think how lucky I was to have two fine surgeons operate on me and save my career twice."

"Either of those injuries could have possibly finished me. But I came back and without any ill effects."

Francis' recent form for Manchester City has been magnificent. He's been setting up goals for his colleagues and scoring as freely as he's done at any stage in his career.

That must make him a bit nervous about injury. He'd scored ten goals in 12 games and was on the verge of a full England cap when the knee tendon went at Birmingham.

After a similar scoring run at Forest in 1980, the Achilles went. He says: "I was playing so well at the time and looking forward to

them to be in the running for honours."

Injury temporarily upset Francis' City career after he had made a spectacular start by scoring two debut goals in a League match at Stoke.

"That was a bit frustrating because after being sold for a million again, I was anxious to make an impression. I don't know why but there seems to be more pressure on million pound players than is necessary."

"If a player is sold for £900,000, he's just another transfer. But the extra £100,000 makes him someone who is expected to produce so much more."

'Justice'

City fans can't expect much more than they've seen from him this season. But he expects more of himself in an England shirt.

"I haven't done myself justice for England and I feel that I owe them a few good performances. It's annoying when you don't play to your capabilities and especially in international football because it can be months until the next game."

"One of the problems at international level is that the manager tries to get the best 11 players rather than a formation. At club level, a manager often plays

'I'm NOT injury-prone'

Trevor Francis answers his critics

the European Championship in Italy and the European Cup Final."

Francis would probably still be at Forest if Brian Clough's spending hadn't got the club into financial trouble. Getting back the million pounds they'd paid for their top striker eased that.

Francis says: "Despite what people might think, I had no complaints about my treatment at Forest. Nor was I as restricted as some people have suggested."

"Once they had decided to sell me, I obviously had to be interested in a club like Manchester City. They are one of England's big clubs and you expect

to a particular formation and it's easier to draft a new player in when someone is injured."

"Forest is a good example. They play an identical formation at first, second and third team level."

"I am not complaining, but I've often played out of position for England. Against Norway in the World Cup qualifying game, I played behind Kevin Keegan and Paul Mariner in the first-half and wide on the right in the second. I don't play in either position."

"Of course, I'll play in any position England want me. And I still get the same feeling pulling on an England shirt as when I won my first cap."

He's desperate to be part of the England team in Spain this summer.

To those who have seen him playing recently, that might seem a formality. But he says: "The two front men in the last game against Hungary were Kevin Keegan and Paul Mariner."

"Paul got the winner and Kevin is the best player I've seen this season. So it's not going to be easy to dislodge either of them."

"I would have liked at least a place in that Hungary squad but Ron Greenwood didn't think I was 100 per cent fit and I hadn't played well in some of the other qualifying games."

"I'm a real patriot, though, and I want to be on the field for all our matches in the Finals. It would be nice to show England what I can really do out there."

Francis believes he was played out of position when England were beaten 2-1 in Norway.



BLACKPOOL, in the grip of the worst financial crisis in their history, are looking for the support of a benevolent president to save them from possible bankruptcy.

The club's presidency was left vacant when former president Lionel Moore was asked to resign. Blackpool are now hoping that a wealthy benefactor can help.

BRIGHTON'S STAR SPY

BRIGHTON striker Michael Robinson, whose damaged knee ligaments kept him out of the game during January, has been used as a scout by Mike Bailey to prepare written reports on Brighton's future opponents.

Robinson says that he enjoys his new role "although," he added, "I'd rather be playing. This is the first time since I was at Preston that I've been injured and my rather disappointing start to 1982 has really taught me to appreciate being fully fit."

On his travels Robinson returned to Maine Road to see his former club Manchester City dispatched from the F.A. Cup by Coventry and his report obviously did much towards Brighton's victory at Highfield Road the following week.

OFFERS ROLL IN FOR CLOUGH

RARELY a month goes by without Brian Clough being linked with some job or the other. The Nottingham Forest manager, now back at the helm after his recent illness, says he has no intention of moving from the City Ground, where he has 18 months of his contract to run.

Yet in the seven years Clough has been with Forest no fewer than 15 different clubs have been linked with him.

Obviously there's Derby County, where Clough won so many admirers when he was in charge at the Baseball Ground. Latest whisper was County wanted Clough as managing director.

The soccer grapevine has also connected Clough with Sunderland, Arsenal, Everton, Birmingham City, Newcastle United, Barcelona, Olympiakos Piraeus in Greece, the England job, plus a few clubs in the United States. Oh, and the position of Scotland manager!

A journalist asked Clough if he was fed up with all the speculation.

"Aye," he replied. "I'm as tired of denying them as you are asking me about them and then writing about them."

Expect the rumours to continue, Brian. It's the price you pay for being just about the most successful manager around.



ASSAULT ON POLICE . . . Simon Stainrod appears to be risking his future in football by upending a constable on duty at Queens Park Rangers' League game against Grimsby Town. Happily, the Rangers striker did not face charges in what the policeman agreed was a complete accident.

THIJSSSEN'S UNEASY PEACE



FRANS THIJSSSEN was on the verge of walking out on Ipswich Town before he broke his ankle against Liverpool in the League Cup Semi-Final second-leg.

Thijssen was apparently told before the first-leg at Portman Road he wouldn't even be sub.

Kevin O'Callaghan was preparing to put on the number 12 shirt when suddenly Thijssen took it from him and was named as sub.

I believe 'words' were had between the Dutch ace and manager

Bobby Robson and this compromise made for uneasy peace.

Robson says: "I have so many good players, but at a time like this I want everyone at the club to put themselves second to the team."

Ironically Ipswich's run of injuries have eased Robson's selection problems in this respect.

● Frans is pictured above with team-mate Arnold Muhren and seven month old Frans Arnie Markwell, who was named after the two Dutch stars.

SIMS FOR SALE

ANY clubs keen to bolster a shaky defence should look towards Watford and former England 'B' centre-half Steve Sims.

The reliable Sims must rank as one of the unluckiest players in the game to have an outstanding prospect like Steve Terry in the same squad.

Terry has proved a great asset in Watford's battle for a promotion spot in the Second Division and is playing too well to drop. But Sims, who lost his place because of knee injury, has been showing the form which had Watford paying £200,000 to Leicester for him in December, 1978.

Clubs may jib at that price, but Watford could be ready and accommodating following their great Cup and League exploits this season to do a bit of reasonable business.

Yanks want Jennings and Keegan

REPRESENTATIVES from the 14 North American Soccer League clubs are in England running their eye over players for the 1982 season, which gets under way in April.

It's a critical time for the NASL, which lost seven clubs in 1981 because of financial problems.

Now, they're looking for the star names who could boost gates in North America.

Vancouver Whitecaps are said to be interested in Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings, whose contract expires this summer. Arsenal have offered the Northern Ireland international a new three-year contract, but the 36-year-old Jennings may decide that a few years in the less demanding atmosphere of the NASL is the ideal way to end his career.

Kevin Keegan has said he'll be signing a new contract with Southampton this summer, but this won't put off the big American clubs, led by the Cosmos.

They may just make Keegan an offer even he couldn't refuse.

What the Americans want are personalities and goalscorers. Players the fans can associate with and hero-worship. Keegan fits the bill perfectly.

RANGERS have been invited by Juventus to send a team to play in an Under-20, ten-team tournament featuring Torino, Real Madrid, Barcelona, St. Etienne, Anderlecht and Napoli.

The tournament will be played on Juventus' home ground, the Stadio Comunale, starting from August 30. But Rangers may be unable to attend, due to commitments in the Reserve League.

Going, going, gone?

"SIXTEEN-ROOMED house set in three acres of land, with a fish pond and foot-bridge. Billiards room. Sauna. Oval bath. Pine-panelled bar and hobbies room."

Sounds nice? Prospective buyers should get in touch with Trevor Francis at Manchester City.

That's the advert which has appeared in the Midlands to sell his house near Newark.

Oh — if you fancy buying the house you'll need £128,000.

NEWS DESK

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Coventry must buy—or HUNT WILL GO

COVENTRY City forward Steve Hunt returns to Villa Park this Saturday (February 27th) still wondering about his future.

Five years ago Hunt left Aston Villa to join the Cosmos and quickly became one of the star names of the New York club. He helped them to win the North American Soccer League and was assured of a big future in the States.

But American soccer wasn't enough for the 26-year-old Hunt. He wanted to prove himself in England and Coventry gave him his chance.

Since returning to England Hunt has become one of the First Division's best players, able to operate either on the wing or in midfield.

At the start of the season he signed a new contract with the Sky Blues, but seven months later says: "I must weigh up my personal ambition and future against my loyalty to the club."

"Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be a part of a successful Coventry side."

'Effective'

"I owe the club a debt for giving me another chance in English football. Since moving from the wing to midfield I think I've been even more effective."

"When I signed the contract last year I was told that a few experienced players would be added to the squad."

"This hasn't happened. It's frustrating because with a couple of older heads we would be a very good team indeed."

"Ron Greenwood has selected me for representative honours. I can't tell you how proud I felt to be called up by England."

"It's difficult to make an impression in a side that's out of the spotlight."

"The trouble is year after year it's the same story at Coventry. I'm fed up with the hard luck stories."

"I feel they must be prepared to enter the transfer market and get quality players. They'll get their money back with better results and bigger crowds."

"If Coventry are really determined to be successful I'll be delighted to stay here."



MILLS AIMS TO BEAT NEWCASTLE JINX

DAVID MILLS has until March 25th to prove to Newcastle United he can overcome the hoodoo that affects players who go to St James' Park on loan.

The 30-year-old striker, who was bought for £500,000 from Middlesbrough three years ago, has started his spell for United in impressive style.

But the three other players Newcastle have taken on loan were rejected for one reason or another.

Viv Busby arrived from Luton Town in 1971, but caught a bad dose of 'flu —

and when he made his United debut it turned out to be the humiliating F.A. Cup defeat by non-League Hereford.

Ten years later Alex Cropley headed for Tyneside from Aston Villa, but Bill McGarry, manager at the time, was so unimpressed that Cropley was back at Villa Park within three weeks.

Alan Brown was next, making the short journey from Sunderland. Again, things didn't work out.

Now, Mills hopes it can be fourth time lucky for him.

Archie set to quit

ARCHIE GEMMILL, Birmingham City's little midfield player, could well be in his last season at St. Andrews.

He recently lost his place in the side which played at Manchester City and in the previous game only appeared as a stand-in for Mark Dennis at left-back.

Gemmill (below), who has given such good service to Derby County and Nottingham Forest in the past, would like to bow out as a member of Scotland's World Cup squad.

This all depends upon his form between now and the end of the season. But with Birmingham almost certainly involved in their annual relegation battle he faces a very hard task.

Long term plans include a spell in American soccer. The little Scot wants to have a summer in the States and his old Derby colleague, Alan Hinton, could well line him up with a club.

Respect

Following the controversial appointment of Ian Greaves as Wolves' new manager there now comes the interesting possibility of former England international Frank Worthington moving in at Molineux.

Worthington has twice played for teams under the control of Greaves.

On each occasion he was transferred. From Huddersfield to Leicester City and then from Bolton to Birmingham City.

Worthington, however, has a great deal of respect for Greaves.

He said: "Greaves is a great soccer character and a manager with whom I get on very well."

"We've had our ups and downs but this is to be expected. I would certainly play for him again if the opportunity arose."



Cardiff crisis

CARDIFF CITY'S youngsters are being severely handicapped by the club's lack of regular reserve games.

Last summer Cardiff were voted out of the Football Combination, and withdrew from the Welsh League, leaving themselves without a competition for the reserves to play in.

Manager Richie Morgan is currently working on the formation of a new reserve league which would provide Cardiff with regular competition against other clubs within a reasonable radius of South Wales.

● Wrexham striker Dixie McNeill had a personal reason for feeling the blues when Chelsea knocked the Welsh side out of the F.A. Cup. That was only the third game in which he had failed to score in the competition since he joined Wrexham five years ago — and the blank left him three short of Denis Law's record total of 33 F.A. Cup goals.

● Struggling Northern Premier League side Grantham have been promised £5,000 from their president Margaret Thatcher. The Prime Minister was born in the Lincolnshire town.

Briefly

● Bristol Rovers striker Shaun Penny will probably sign for a North American club.

Several American teams are interested in Penny who has been offered a free transfer.

● Des Bremner's run of over 120 consecutive matches for Aston Villa came to an end when a stomach muscle pull forced him out of the F.A. Cup victory at Bristol City. This was the first match that he had missed since breaking into the side shortly after his transfer from Hibernian in September, 1979.

● Kenny Hibbitt, Wolves long serving midfielder, said he would not shave his chin until he scored a goal. He had a five-month growth when he scored at Arsenal.

● Northern Ireland boss Billy Bingham will be using the March 24 friendly with France, in Paris, as part of his build-up to the World Cup Finals.

Incidentally, it will be Bingham's first managerial confrontation with the French, but not his first at senior international level. In fact, he made his Northern Ireland debut against them in a drawn Windsor Park duel, back in May, 1951.



PHIL THOMPSON
My soccer world

'Sammy scored at a vital moment'



Sammy Lee hits home Liverpool's second goal against C.S.K.A. Sofia.



'CAN HISTORY KEEP REPEATING ITSELF?'

If history continues to repeat itself, then Liverpool are well on course to win their fourth European Cup.

For the second time this season we find ourselves drawn against the same opponents at the identical stage as last season's competition.

In the First Round we again knocked out Finnish side Oulun Palloseura, though not by as big a score: 8-0 on aggregate as compared to 11-2 last term.

Now once more we face the Bulgarian Champions C.S.K.A. Sofia in the Quarter-Final first-leg at home, where we previously beat them 5-1.

I've always said you need a large slice of luck to win a Cup, and we can't argue with the draws we've had so far in our campaign to keep the Cup at Anfield.

In view of their last experience at our place, C.S.K.A. might be expected to change their tactics in order to guard against another heavy defeat.

But I can assure anyone who didn't see the game that the Bulgars could hardly be any more defensive.

Whenever we attacked, they had every man behind the ball, defending like mad.

But we were simply in an unstoppable mood, with everything going our way. We only had eight shots, but five went in. A record average we'll probably never equal.

Graeme Souness collected a hat-

trick with three of the finest goals I've ever seen.

Unfortunately for me, I pulled a muscle after we went a goal up in the first-half and was substituted.

Sammy Lee added another goal just before half-time — a psychologically vital moment to score — and the other three goals came in the second-half, with one goal in reply.

We have a few things in our favour this time. The Bulgars won't be happy about coming to Anfield with the shadow of their previous defeat hanging over them, and having only played a handful of games since their mid-season break they won't be fully match-fit.

Playing Better

The third 'plus' is that our partly-rebuilt team is playing better than the one at this stage last season.

Kenny Dalglish is more dangerous, but not because he's regained his form as some reporters have stated. He's never lost it. But the pressure has been lifted from him by 'new boys' such as Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan drawing away defenders.

Mark Lawrenson has been doing a great job in my position, so the only way I can get back into the team is if he, or another member of the back-four, gets injured.

Chances are I'll be sitting on the bench as one of the subs, a role I haven't filled for a long time.

And like most players, I hate the job. There's a general misunderstanding that a sub, being fresh, should shine when he's brought on.

In fact, the opposite usually hap-

pens as there's no time to get your mind and body tuned to the same pitch as the other players and you tend to struggle.

Being injured and held back at Anfield for treatment, I didn't travel to Bulgaria for the previous second-leg, where we won with a Dave Johnson goal, so I'm hoping for different luck this time.

Although we'd like a repeat of the last scorelines, we know from experience that nothing in football can be taken for granted. We're prepared to work a lot harder to beat the Bulgars to reach the Semi-Finals.

We know that even if we should take another 5-1 win to Sofia, there's no guarantee we'll get an easy ride.

Eastern bloc countries may have a

reputation as poor travellers but they can really turn the screw on their home grounds.

Although the Quarter-Final draw has evenly split East and West, I'm betting on another all-West Final.

Providing Liverpool reach the Semi-Finals, my choice of opponents would be Anderlecht, the Belgian side we met two years ago in a pre-season friendly.

They beat us 4-3, with the help of a friendly ref, but were definitely wary of us and I'm confident we can get the right aggregate results in proper competitive games.

There's never yet been an all-England Final in the European Cup and Aston Villa probably have high hopes of making history with us.

My heart is with them, but my head tells me that our old rivals, West Germany's Bayern Munich, are favourites with us to play in Rotterdam on May 26th!

I want to be there — and wearing number four!

Phil Thompson

'The first all-England European Final?'



Tony Morley scores in the Second Round against Dynamo Berlin for Aston Villa.

CUP FEVER HITS NEW PLAYERS

Serious preparations are getting underway for the 1982 World Cup. During the Christmas holidays promising new players have been training up. While old favourites have been adding some nifty new moves and equipment to their game. Says 12-year-old Bob Noble, "This is really going to be a year to remember."

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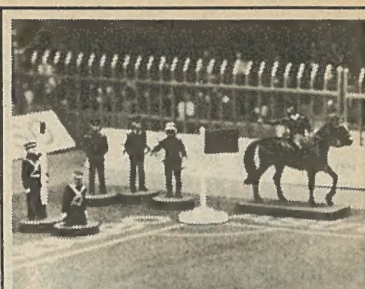


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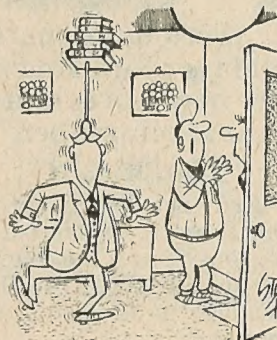
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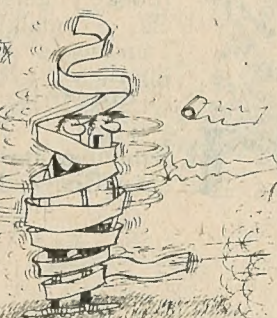
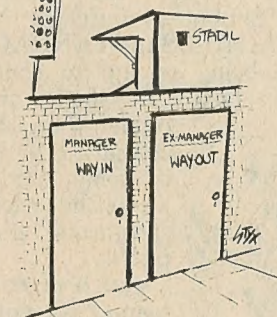
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"Lose one game and it's all change — last week I was goalkeeper and you were centre-forward."



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"Their new winger's a bit nippy isn't he?"

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Spot of bother

CHILEAN club Magallanes are trying desperately to shake off an attack of penalty-fever.

Spot-kick king Marcoleta was relieved of his job after missing two penalties.

Then Bernal, after scoring three, missed three on the trot, which cost the side valuable League points.

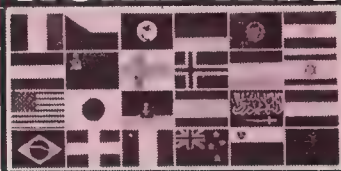
Finally, manager Eugenio Jara made an exhaustive test on the entire squad, making them take about 150 spot kicks.

He then asked the goalkeepers who was the best penalty-taker at the club. Without hesitation they named Claudio Toro.

So when Magallanes were awarded a penalty in the following game against Cobreloa, up stepped Toro.

He missed.

WORLD WIDE



Compiled by
CHRIS DAVIES



A Real problem for Hercules

I'VE heard of bogey teams, but Hercules' record against Real Madrid really takes the biscuit.

In 51 years of Spanish League history, the Alicante club have never beaten Real at home.

In fact they've only managed to draw on three occasions.

This season it looked for a while as if they could smash the jinx, especially when their Polish international goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski saved an Uli Stielike penalty.

But fate just wouldn't have it, and 11 minutes from time, Hercules defender Cartagena put the ball into his own net.



SCOTS WARNED OF 'KIWI KICKERS'

BRASIL manager Tele Santana has warned Scotland to beware of the 'Kiwi Kickers' when the Scots meet New Zealand in their World Cup Finals opener.

Santana says: "I watched their play-off game against China and the New Zealand players would have kicked the Chinese out of the stadium if the referee had not shown a few yellow cards.

"New Zealand were far too physical and referees in Spain may have problems controlling them."

The Brazilian manager is happy his team plays the Kiwis last in the qualifying group.

"Hopefully, by then we'll have qualified for the next round and I can plan accordingly."

He continued: "I believe the winner of the first game between ourselves and the USSR will surely qualify.

"It's a strong group, but to win the World Cup you have to be able to feel you can win any game against any team.

"And I feel that we can do this."

BECKENBAUER BONANZA

WEST GERMAN F.A. chairman Herman Neuburger has announced the final preparation programme for the World Cup: away to Czechoslovakia (April 14th); away to Norway (May 12th).

The players will have one week's holiday with their families after the Bundesliga ends and then spend ten days in the Black Forest in a training camp, from which the Press and TV will be banned.

The squad will fly there after meeting an All-star XI in Hamburg on 1st June which it has been agreed will be a benefit match for Franz Beckenbauer, expected to bring him in at least £100,000 net.

THE Honduras authorities are reported to have been granted a loan of £30,000 by FIFA, to help pay for the national squad's World Cup preparations.

News flashes

● Colo Colo's 6-1 win against San Luis gave the scoreboard operators in Chile's National Stadium a slight problem. The authorities seem so pessimistic about the national team's scoring abilities that the scoreboard numbers only go up to five...

● The 22-years-old SK Lierse striker, Erwin Van den Bergh (right), scorer of 106 First Division goals so far, has been voted Belgium's Footballer of the

Year. In second place was Juan Lozano.



● Alfonso Senior, president of the Colombian F.A. has

stated categorically that Colombia will host the 1986 World Cup. Even if government backing is not forthcoming, Senior believes he can raise the necessary cash from industrial sources in Colombia.

● The Belgian World Cup squad will have the benefit of being able to train in a sports complex at Elche owned by a Spanish sports shoe manufacturer. The Belgians gained access to the finest facilities in the region thanks to their ace cyclist Eddy Merckx.

● Hungary's newly elected "Footballer of the Year" was not even a World Cup player — Peter Torok, goalkeeper of Vasas Budapest, who has 35 caps. He is now said to be having talks with Spanish club Celta, with a view to possible transfer.

● In the World Cup qualifying campaign, England's group pulled in the biggest crowds. Almost one million paid to see the games between England, Switzerland, Hungary, Rumania and Norway for an average of 49,490.

3,000 for Barcelona

BARCELONA's chart-topping striker Enrique Castro 'Quini' went into the club's record books when he hit their third goal against tail-enders Castellon.

It was Barcelona's 3,000th League goal. Even so, the amazing thing about the afternoon's entertainment was that lowly Castellon, who'd scored only 16 goals all season and picked up just eight points, managed to score three times in their 4-3 defeat, while Barcelona had previously conceded only three home goals all season!

A SPANISH journalist, writing in *El Mundo Deportivo* claims to be aghast at "rumours that as many as 10,000 British fans could travel to watch the World Cup Finals."

And the article is illustrated with a picture of England fans in Italy, captioned: "The Scottish fans are bound to cause problems."

They say ignorance is bliss, but in this case...

DIEGO TOPS

DIEGO MARADONA may not have topped the Argentine scoring charts in either of 1981's two competitions — the Metropolitan and National Championships — but he *did* score more goals than anyone else during the year.

His 28 goals in 40 matches for Boca Juniors put him well clear of second-placed Chaparro, who notched 25 in 45 games.

It's interesting to note that the only other member of Argentina's World Cup squad among the top ten scorers is Rosario Central's Edgardo Bauza who scored 20 times in 43 matches.

Rossi reprieve?

THE Italian Players Union has approached their F.A. on behalf of Juventus centre-forward Paolo Rossi, whose suspension for being allegedly involved in the 'Totonero' pools scandal ends in April.

Expected to be called up by Enzo Bearzot for the national team in the World Cup, the Union have suggested that Rossi be allowed to play in friendly games for Juventus for two months before the ban is lifted... to warm up for League football.





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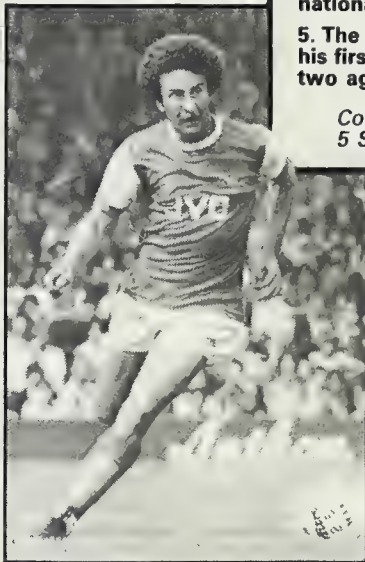


SHOOT!

QUIZ TIME

STRIKERS

1. This Saturday, February 27th, Tottenham's Garth Crooks is due to return to his former club in a First Division game ... do you know the opposition?
2. Which striker is Derby County's record transfer buy at £410,000?
3. Arsenal striker Alan Sunderland (right) was signed from which club for £200,000?
4. Birmingham City's Frank Worthington has appeared for the full England team on six, seven, or eight occasions?
5. Queens Park Rangers' Clive Allen scored four goals in an F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay against which Fourth Division club?



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TRUE OR FALSE?



1. Former Derby County manager Colin Addison was recently appointed boss of Third Division Newport County.
2. Hibernian were Scottish First Division Champions last season with Dundee in the runners-up position.
3. Stoke City goalkeeper Peter Fox, (above) played in 49 League games for Sheffield United.
4. Sunderland have never played in the Third Division.
5. Nottingham Forest captain John McGovern began his League career with Hull City before playing for Derby, Leeds and Forest.

LEAGUE CUP

The League Cup Semi-Finals were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the two-legged games?

1. Liverpool (left, Ian Rush in action) qualified for the March Final at Wembley when they beat Ipswich Town. What was the aggregate score?
2. How many times have Bob Paisley's men appeared in the Final?
3. The other Semi-Final was between Tottenham and West Bromwich Albion. The first game at The Hawthorns finished in a 0-0 draw. Can you name the two players sent-off?
4. Who was the Tottenham scorer in their 1-0 win at White Hart Lane in the return?



BRITAIN IN EUROPE

1. Which Second Division club won the 1970-71 European Cup-Winners' Cup and which Spanish side did they beat in the replayed Final?
2. Did Derek Johnstone score for Rangers against Moscow Dynamo in their 3-2 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final triumph in 1972?
3. Who are Britain's sole representatives left in this season's UEFA Cup competition?
4. Leeds United's Frank Gray appeared in the 1980 European Cup Final for which club against Hamburger SV?
5. From 1955 to 1971 the UEFA Cup was known by which name?

ANSWERS

STRIKERS 1. Stoke City, 2. Dave Swindley from Crystal Palace.
3. Wolves, 4. Eight, 5. Blackpool.
BRITAIN IN EUROPE 1. Chelsea against Real Madrid, 2. No, 3. Dundee United, 4. Nottingham Forest, 5. European Fairs Cup.
LEAGUE CUP 1. 4-2, 2. Twice before, 3. Tony Galvin (Spurs) and Martin Jol (Albion), 4. Mike Hazard.
COMPUTER PUZZLE 1. Dundee United, 2. Aston Villa, 3. John Barnwell, 4. Rumania, 5. Finland.
TRUE OR FALSE? 1. True, 2. True, 3. False — he played for Sheffield Wednesday, not United, 4. True, 5. False — he started with Hartlepool not Hull.



'KEEGAN CAN BREAK MY 30-GOAL BARRIER'

says Bob Latchford

ENGLAND captain Kevin Keegan could head for Spain this summer as a member of the smallest club in modern soccer — the 30-goal men. Who says so? Bob Latchford, Swansea striker and the last man to score 30 First Division goals in a season.

Latchford broke that barrier as an Everton player in 1977-78. Only Francis Lee (33 goals in 1971-72) had passed that target since Ron Davies scored an amazing 37 First Division goals for Southampton in 1966-67.

So why does Latchford think the barrier could be broken again this year?

"I've always believed it would be done again," he says. "It would be nice to go into history books as the last man to do it, but I've never thought that would happen."

"This season you have to fancy Kevin's chances of getting there, and I wouldn't rule out West Bromwich Albion's Cyrille Regis either."

'Playing well'

"If they can maintain their individual form — and more important their teams keep playing well — then they've every chance."

"What they need most is the luck to keep clear of injuries and for the team they play in to remain settled."

In the 12 seasons before 1967 only once did the 30-goal barrier not fall. So why has the target become so difficult to reach now?

"The standards of individual players have improved over the years, and it's now that much easier to defend and stop people scoring goals than it is to do it the other way round."

"In the past, good attackers would always have been gifted a few goals a year by bad defensive play. Now you've got to work hard for them all."

"Actually, when you look up the records you find that the 1950's and 1960's weren't

quite the goal happy time everybody thinks they were. Even then only one or two forwards every year were good enough to get 30 goals in the First Division."

Not surprisingly, Latchford has fond memories of his own 30-goal season.

But why was that season so successful for him?

"Without a doubt the most important reason was Dave Thomas. He was playing so well on the left-wing that I had lots of crosses to try to turn into goals."

"We scored 76 League goals that season — and Everton still only finished third in Division One."

"You can't hope to set scoring records unless you're playing for an attacking team. That's why Kevin has a chance this year."

"Nobody needs me to tell them his qualities — and he's playing for a Southampton team full of skilful players who like to go forward."

Latchford, who celebrated his 31st birthday in January by moving into a new house in Swansea, doesn't think he'll be joining the front runners in the chase to be the First Division's top scorer this term.

And that's despite opening his account for his new club with a hat-trick on the opening day of the season.

"I'm sure I can reach a reasonable total — but the team hit a bit of a sticky patch just before Christmas and that probably cost me any chance of really settling things alright."

"I wasn't playing too badly — but the end product simply wasn't there. If you're going to break records the most important word is consistency."



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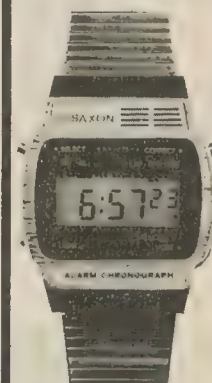
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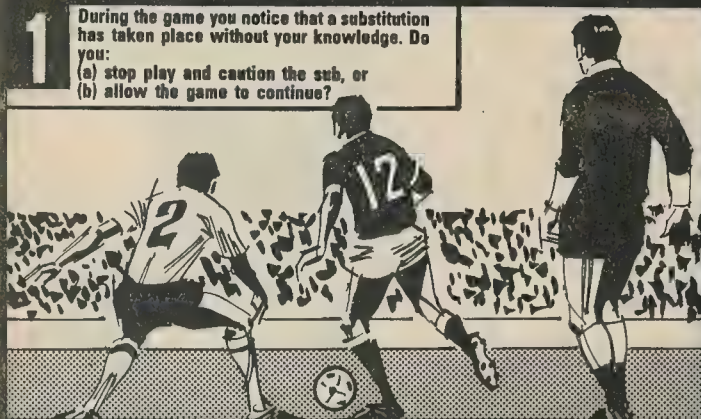
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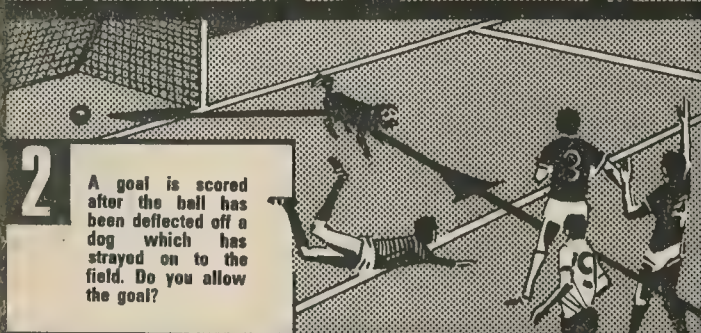
During the game you notice that a substitution has taken place without your knowledge. Do you:

- (a) stop play and caution the sub, or
(b) allow the game to continue?



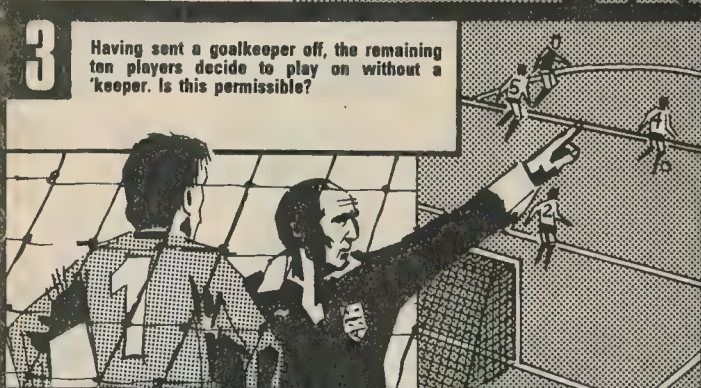
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A goal is scored after the ball has been deflected off a dog which has strayed on to the field. Do you allow the goal?



3

Having sent a goalkeeper off, the remaining ten players decide to play on without a keeper. Is this permissible?



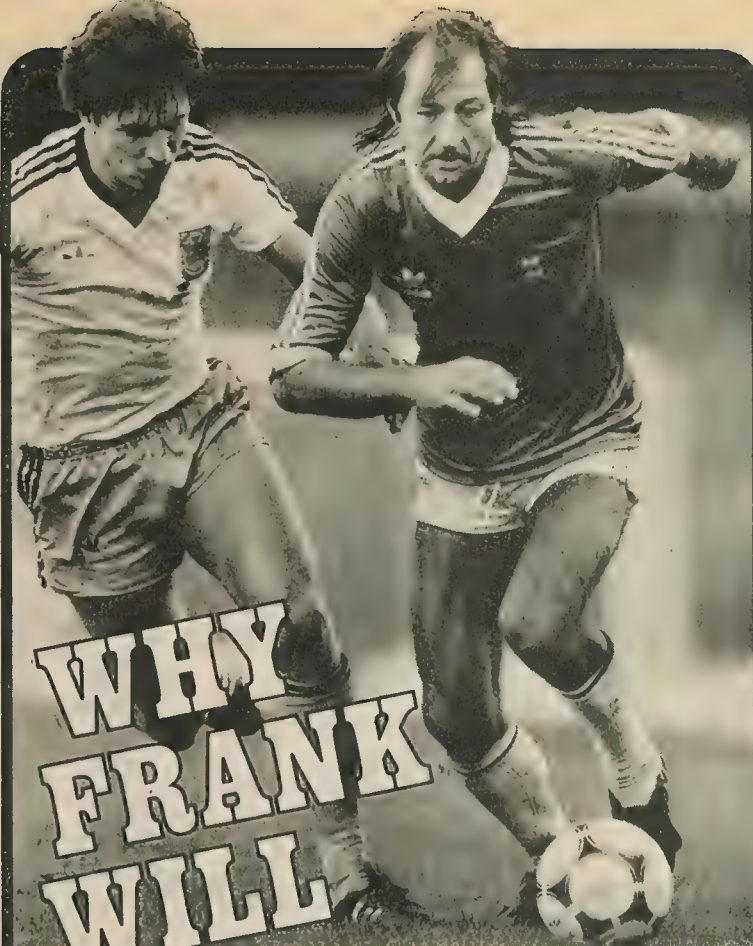
MATCH POINT

As you'll have read, it's the Manchester derby this week and it'll be my job to keep things running smoothly at Old Trafford. It's the first time I've refereed this particular game, and I'm really looking forward to it. There are so many skilful players on both sides I would have liked to have gone along to Old Trafford for this one even if I wasn't ref. I enjoy derby games, which are more like F.A. Cup ties. Last season I had Villa v Birmingham and Everton v Liverpool, so I think I know what to expect on Saturday. It's important to get settled and gather my wits about 30 minutes before kick-off and make my decisions quickly and accurately right from the off as the tension of the occasion often gets through to the players. The atmosphere a full house at Old Trafford will generate can get on top of you, so it's vital not to let the crowd sway your decisions.

ANSWERS

1. Stop play and caution the substitute. (a) The substitution procedure works very well in the football law is clear that one member of the team must be the goalkeeper. restarted with a drop ball. 3. No. The

League. 2. No. The game should be



WHY FRANK WILL QUIT BLUES

FRANK Worthington is often mentioned in the same breath as George Best and, as entertainers, they bear comparison.

But though Worthington has also shared Best's taste for drink and women, he hasn't let it impair his talent. For wasted talent upsets him more than anything.

Worthy, still gracing the First Division at 33, says: "Sometimes I try to give advice to one or two of the young lads at Birmingham. Some appreciate it but others just make rude gestures behind my back."

"It's sad when youngsters don't want to learn. When I was on the ground staff at Huddersfield we had a lad who had more skill than anyone I'd ever seen."

"Everyone marked him down as a certain future international. But he ended up moving around the lower end of the League because he wasn't interested in learning."

Worthington has enjoyed his playboy image but he says: "I never let my off-field activities interfere with my football. Soccer has always come first."

The fact that he is still one of the most watchable players in the First Division proves that he has taken more care of himself

than most people would think.

What's sad is that he has never won one of the game's major prizes. He has helped Bolton, Birmingham and Huddersfield into the First Division. But that's as far as they've gone and, in Bolton's and Huddersfield's cases, the fall has been sharper than the rise.

Birmingham are in trouble, too, this season. But whatever happens, Worthington will be on his way with a free transfer at the end of it.

"I've enjoyed myself here. But it's been the same old story of finding myself in a struggling side."

"Now I would like to win one of the major trophies before I quit playing. I've got two or three years left and I will feel a bit cheated if I don't achieve that."

'Chance'

He is almost certain that he won't be playing for England in the World Cup Finals.

"I don't know why I shouldn't get a chance. I have one of the best goalscoring records in the First Division this season and with so many players over 30 in the squad, my age can't be against me."

"The only thing I can think of is my reputation. That's too trivial to even contemplate, especially as I changed my lifestyle years ago."

"Ron Greenwood was apparently interested in signing me for West Ham years ago and was put off by my reputation."

"I hope he isn't still scared of me. The World Cup would be just my stage, among all those good players. And I could promise Ron Greenwood that I'd be no bother at all."

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to SHOOT!

This week's Star Letter comes from Bob McWhirter of Dundee, who wins our
Special Prize of £10. He writes:

UNITED THE SWANSEA OF SCOTLAND

It could be said that Dundee United are the Swansea of Scotland, even though
they have taken slightly longer to mature.

Under Jim McLean they have performed feats never thought possible of
them.

In the past three years, they won the League Cup twice in a row and are
having a great spell in Europe highlighted by a magnificent 5-0 win over
Borussia Moenchengladbach at Tannadice.

Dundee United also have an increasing number of internationals, of which all
are home bred because Jim McLean does not believe in spending to produce a
skilful team.

The entire team cost little more than £250,000, a far cry from the ludicrous
costs of English teams.

Two players alone make up most of the cost — Eamonn Bannon (£165,000)
and Paul Hegarty (£50,000).

The class has brought fans back to the game; gates rising by 3,000 on
average. Also interesting results against English clubs have been achieved.

● Jim McLean's record at Tannadice is excellent; he's doing a good job helping
Jock Stein with Scotland. There's a special feature on McLean's United on page
22, but I wonder if the Tannadice boss is looking for a bigger stage now?

Go electric

A FEW League clubs have erected elec-
tronic scoreboards with great success
in the last few seasons.

Now I believe the larger clubs should
go a step further and invest in large TV
screens, as they have in the N.A.S.L.

Action replays of the goals and main
incidents of a game could be shown
after both halves, as well as advertise-
ments.

CHRIS WALTERS,
ROBY.

● As many clubs are struggling to pay
their players, electric scoreboards —
although beneficial for the fans — are
low on the priority list. Survival is top.

Pen-pal

I'D like to correspond with British
football fans, especially if they sup-
port Arsenal or Liverpool.

MARCO CORTI,
VIA E. PETRELLA 3,
50144 FIRENZE,
ITALY.

Too kind to Barnwell

YOUR recent editorial on John Barnwell
was rather kind to a manager who at
various times sold John McAlle ridicu-
lously cheaply, bought Dave Thomas
and sold him at a considerable loss
without using him in his only true role
as an exciting winger, and failed to
recognise the potential of young players
like Colin Brazier (right) and Mel Eves.
Add to that his wild statements to the
Press, his banishing of John Richards to

the reserves and his labelling of his
players as 'cowards'.

Wolves' board must be commended
for coming to balance their books after
some bad buying and selling by both
Bill McGarry and Barnwell; but they
must take the blame for that monstros-
ity of a stand that has almost bank-
rupted the club and is so far from the
pitch that one almost needs binoculars
in order to see the action

C. ALLMAN,
ESSINGTON.

● I think the way Barnwell left
Molineux — and Ian Greaves suc-
ceeded him — upset a few people.



Morley's turn now



REFEREES who failed to protect George
Best from clogging defenders and then
punished him for protesting at this
were a major factor in the early disap-
pearance of this wayward genius from
the Football League.

Now, it seems Tony Morley, the coun-
try's one true winger, is to be prevented
from blossoming to the full.

His recent sending-off for Villa v.
WBA for protesting off the field at half-
time about a linesman's failure to flag
for two handball offences was a dis-
grace when one reflects that the lines-
man immediately 'told tales' like a
spoilt child to the referee.

It is skilful players who can bring back
the crowds, not bruising defenders nor
short-sighted linesmen nor autocratic
referees.

GEOFFREY HARPER,
BIRMINGHAM.

● However sinned against Morley may
be, no one can condone swearing at an
official... whatever the circumstances.

Low profile

I AM always refreshed to read SHOOT
as it seems it's the only football paper
that does not sensationalise soccer
violence.

The only time you refer to this
unwanted aspect of our game is when
you offer possible solutions.

I find this low profile commendable.
ROBERT BOGAN,
RAHENY.

● We don't ignore any aspect of the
game, but we try to take a positive
attitude to the less savoury side of
soccer.

'Joke' ban

THE F.A.'s away ban on Chelsea was a
joke.

During the recent game at Watford
around 3,000 Chelsea fans were let into
the ground on police advice to avoid the
risk of a riot.

It was obviously a ban which the F.A.
had to lift.

LEE MURPHY,
HARROW.

● The ban hit other clubs as much as
Chelsea, who missed out on extra
revenue. If the F.A. had really wanted to
hit Chelsea hard they should have
closed Stamford Bridge.

Pen-pal

I'M A 14-year-old Ajax supporter who
would like to correspond with Man-
chester United fans.

MICHEAL DE WILLIGEN,
EIKENLAAN 32,
3319 SC DORDRECHT,
HOLLAND.

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Wartime thrashing

I'm told Norwich once beat Brighton
18-0 in a League match, but can't find
anything about it in the record-books.
Why is this?

STEIN BORILSRUD,
NORWAY

● It was a Wartime South Regional
League game. Stein — played on Christ-
mas Day, 1940 — which is why, like
other games of those troubled times,
the score doesn't appear in the official
records.

Because of the problems of those
days — it was a winter of heavy air-raids
and, with most of Europe over-run, Bri-
tain was fighting on alone — football
took rather a back-seat and, due to
Service duties, Brighton had to travel to
Norwich with the only five players they
could muster.

So they had to make up the team with
a couple of local Norwich youngsters —
plus four on-leave soldiers from the
crowd who'd planned to spend their
Christmas morning watching football
instead of playing it!

One in One

Which current Football League clubs
have spent only one season in the First
Division?

CLIVE LEE,
SUNDERLAND

● Excluding Swansea — who, though
now still only in their first season, aren't
going to leave it at that — there are just
three, Clive.

They are Orient (1962-63), Northampton
(1965-66), and Carlisle (1974-75).

Super sub

Who was the first substitute to score in
a Football League game, and who was
the first to save a penalty?

JAMES GAVIN,
WEST GERMANY

● Funny you should ask those two
questions together, James, because it
was the very same man!

On 21st, 1965 — the first day on which
subs were permitted in the League —
Bobby Knox came on and scored for
Barrow against Wrexham.

Then on the following 27th December
he came on again as sub against Don-
caster, took over from an injured keeper
— and brilliantly saved a spot-kick.

SHORT PASSES

● Pele was born in the village of
Tres Coracoes, in the Brazilian state of
Minas Gerais, on 21st October,
1940.

(ISAAC ASANTA, Ghana)

● Between 4th October and 25th
December, 1919, Coventry went 11
Second Division games without
scoring.

(JAMES YOUNG, Glasgow)

Short Passes are replies to readers
letters.

SHOOT: Hungary didn't record a win during the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina. How would you say the current side compares with that 1978 team?

NYILASI: I would say our 1978 team was better, because at the moment we are trying to blend some younger players into the side and they obviously haven't much experience of top-level international football. But there's nothing to say that these youngsters can't be blended into a formidable team if we work hard during the rest of our preparation programme.

SHOOT: But there are still a lot of familiar names on your team-sheet, like Meszaros, Balint, Toth, Fazekas, Torocsik and yourself. What lessons did you learn in Argentina?

NYILASI: Well, personally, I made a very big mistake by getting myself sent-off, along with Torocsik, in our opening game against Argentina, and the team had to play the other two games without us. That's a mistake that I won't repeat this time!

SHOOT: Would you say that the veterans from 1978 are better players now?

NYILASI: Yes, I would. OK, our right-winger Fazekas is 34 now. So is our sweeper Balint. But there's no substitute for experience — especially when you have to cope with all the pressures of a World



Fazekas of Hungary in action against Italy in Argentina, 1978.

Cup. I'm sure it's an advantage that half our team played in Argentina. In any case, you must judge a footballer by what he does on the field, and not by his birth certificate.

SHOOT: Who are the newcomers who might impress us in Spain?

NYILASI: Our right-back Szanto . . . Garaba the stopper. He's our man-to-man marking specialist. And our new midfielder Sallai, who marked Kevin Keegan at Wembley.

SHOOT: What about your possibilities in Spain? Where would you put Hungary in a World League table?

NYILASI: Well . . . in Europe there



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**TIBOR
NYILASI**
Hungary

is a group of outstanding teams. West Germany, Belgium, Italy, England . . . Yes, England! You look surprised, but I put England among the top group. Then there is a second group with teams like Yugoslavia, Poland, Austria and France. This is where I would put Hungary at the moment. Not among the favourites, but among the medium group who could produce surprises if they strike form at the right time and have a little luck.

SHOOT: How far could Hungary go in the competition?

NYILASI: You know, during the last two years people have been saying in our country that the hardest part would be to qualify for Spain, and that if we could reach the Finals then it would perhaps be easier for us to at least qualify for the second phase. Well, as I'm sure everyone in England will agree, it was a difficult qualifying group, and I don't believe that our First Round matches in Spain will be any tougher than some of the qualifying games we've already played. I believe we can finish second in our group at least and qualify for the Second Round.

SHOOT: Which were the teams you were hoping to avoid in the draw?

'We're not as good as in 1978'

Meszaros dives to save from Keegan during the World Cup-tie at Wembley in November

THE MANAGER Kalman Meszoly

HUNGARIAN football seemed to be in the doldrums after Lajos Baroti's side had disappointed in Argentina in 1978.

New manager Karoly Lakat failed to produce an improvement as Hungary plummeted out of the 1980 European Championship, and the Magyars' turning point was the appointment of Kalman Meszoly in September, 1980 — a man seen by the authorities as "young, determined and with modern ideas".

Now just turned 40, Meszoly isn't short of World Cup experience, having represented Hungary as a dynamic powerful centre-half in the 1962 and 1966 Finals.

He scored twice in 1966, including one against Brazil when he returned to the pitch with his arm in a sling after dislocating a shoulder.

On his retirement in 1971, the Vasas Budapest star had picked up 61 international caps. He began his managerial career with Second Division Ganz-Mavag and Budafok before moving on to First Division Békéscsaba and finally Vasas Budapest.

Now, in little over a year, Meszoly has put new heart into the national team which lost only to England in the qualifying group and aims to be one of the dark horses in Spain.



Kocsis scores for Hungary during their 8-3 win over Germany in 1954.



NYILASI: England for a start! They always seem to beat us these days. Spain, because it's difficult to beat the home nation. West Germany, because they have a lot of big guns at the moment. And maybe Argentina, though we're not too frightened of them. It wasn't too bad to be grouped with them.

SHOOT: You haven't mentioned Brazil . . .

NYILASI: Do I need to? Their record in the World Cup speaks for itself, and they are undoubtedly the most spectacular team in the world. Having said that, they always seem vulnerable in the first phase.

SHOOT: Going back to your list of



HUNGARY'S WORLD CUP RECORD

Year	Opponents	Result
1934	Egypt	4-2
	Austria	1-2
1938	Dutch East Indies	6-0
	Switzerland	2-0
	Sweden	5-1
	Italy	2-4
1954	South Korea	9-0
	West Germany	8-3
	Brazil	4-2
	Uruguay	4-2
	West Germany	2-3
1958	Wales	1-1
	Sweden	1-2
	Mexico	4-0
	Wales	1-2
1962	England	2-1
	Bulgaria	6-1
	Argentina	0-0
	Czechoslovakia	0-1
1966	Portugal	1-3
	Brazil	3-1
	Bulgaria	3-1
	USSR	1-2
1978	Argentina	1-2
	Italy	1-3
	France	1-3



Sallai and Garaba (dark shirts) clear this Rumania attack during a qualifying tie.

'strong' teams, how do you rate West Germany?

NYILASI: They have everything. They play like a machine. They have fitness. They have physique. They have discipline. They have skill. And they have great players.

SHOOT: Argentina?

NYILASI: Menotti has built a very good new team, based on the key men from 1978 plus Maradona. Their big problem is that they may suffer from the pressure of being World Champions, just as the Germans did in 1978.

SHOOT: The British teams?

NYILASI: The English League is the strongest in the world, and this gives the players an optimum preparation. With the right organisation and the right team selection they could surprise everybody in Spain. Scotland are at the same sort of level, and I'm sure they'll be determined to repair the reputation they damaged so badly in Argentina. I don't rate Northern Ireland as quite so dangerous as England and Scotland.

SHOOT: What about Spain?

NYILASI: They have all the advantages of playing at home, and technically their players are brilliant. They have some of the finest individual skills in the world.

SHOOT: Talking about Spain, will the climate present you with problems?

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

England 4, Norway 0
Norway 1, Rumania 1
Rumania 2, England 1
Switzerland 1, Norway 2
England 2, Switzerland 1
England 0, Rumania 0
Switzerland 2, Hungary 2
Hungary 1, Rumania 0
Norway 1, Hungary 2
Switzerland 2, England 1
Rumania 1, Norway 0
Hungary 1, England 3
Norway 1, Switzerland 1
Norway 2, England 1
Rumania 0, Hungary 0
Rumania 1, Switzerland 2
Hungary 3, Switzerland 0
Hungary 4, Norway 1
Switzerland 0, Rumania 0
England 1, Hungary 0

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Hungary	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
England	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Rumania	8	2	4	2	5	5	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	15	6

NYILASI: Well, we were hoping to be drawn in one of the Northern venues, where the heat isn't quite so oppressive. But it's all a question of acclimatisation, and I feel that a good footballing team will be good in any conditions.

SHOOT: You probably won't have much support in Spain, will you?

NYILASI: Oh yes we will! I think a lot of people will travel from Hungary with us — maybe as many as ten or fifteen thousand. And this is a big factor in our favour. Also a lot of famous Hungarian players have been favourites with the Spanish public — people like Puskas and Kocsis — and we always have a very warm reception in Spain.

SHOOT: People always associate Hungary with attacking football. Is this the style we'll see in Spain?

NYILASI: Not necessarily. Our manager Kalman Meszoly has a practical and realistic approach to the game. We would be foolish to play a cheerful attacking style when the best teams in the world at the moment tend to play a counter-attacking game based on a well organised defensive scheme. Belgium and Czechoslovakia proved this was effective in the 1980 European Championship, and this seems the sensible style for teams in the 'medium' group to adopt. Our defence certainly doesn't give many goals away, and this is one of our strengths.

SHOOT: What about your weaknesses?

NYILASI: Possibly the lack of consistency in our play. And maybe a lack of confidence.

SHOOT: Your tip for the title?

NYILASI: Brazil!

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SA'AD AL-HOUTI
KUWAIT

On the ball CROSSWORD

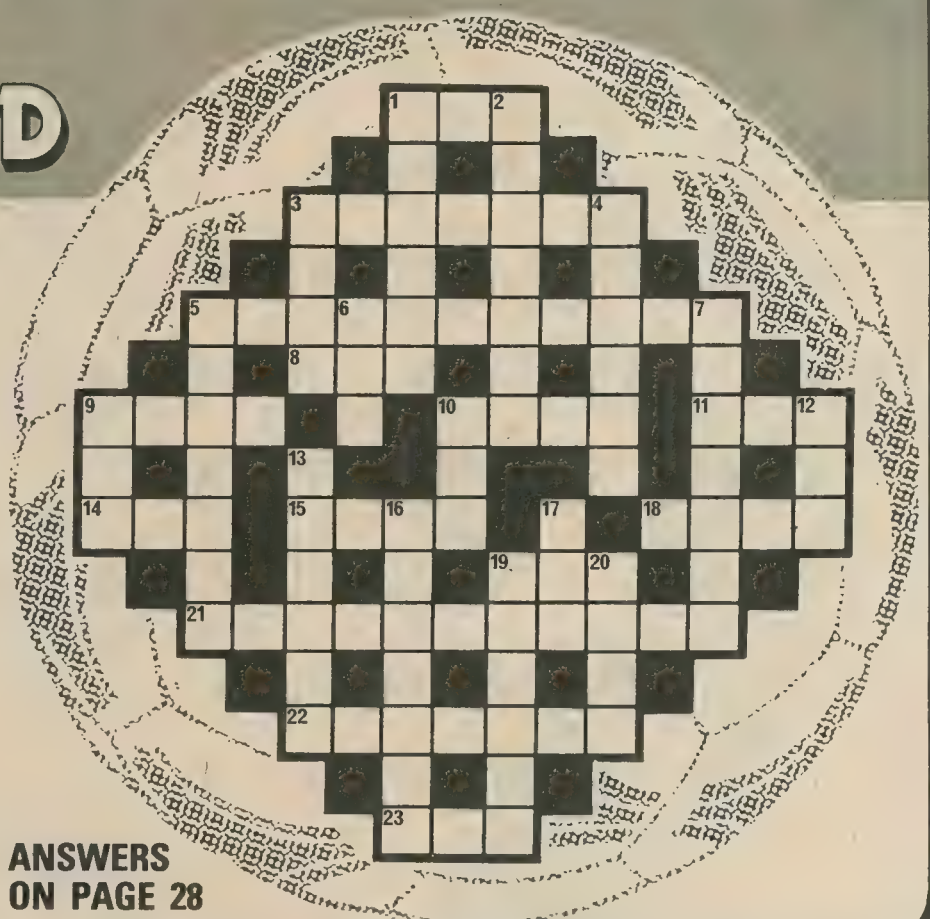
ACROSS:-

- (1) The ---aries; nickname of Norwich City. (3)
- (3) Alan ---, Everton midfielder player. (7)
- (5) Chelsea goalkeeper. (5 & 6)
- (8) If Clyde, Chelsea & Chester give "EAR"; what do Rochdale, Derby & Montrose give? (3)
- (9) Not early! (4)
- (10) Birmingham City colour. (4)
- (11) --- Jose Earthquakes. George Best's team. (3)
- (14) --- Chapman, Stoke City striker. (3)
- (15) Make "spheres" from the first four letters of Bobby Robson's surname. (4)
- (18) Blac-bur-R-vers' Noel Brothers-on is a Northern Ireland international. (4)
- (19) --- Latchford, Swansea striker. (3)
- (21) Derby County skipper. (5 & 6)
- (22) Gary ---, Leicester City striker. (7)
- (23) Nottingham Forest colour. (3)

DOWN:-

- (1) A pass into the middle of the field. (6)
- (2) Chris ---, Southampton defender. (7)
- (3) --- Rajkovic, Swansea City midfielder player. (4)
- (4) Inexpressive --- or made from a tree! (6)
- (5) The ---, Stoke City nickname. (7)
- (6) --- United, Scottish Division One club from Somerset Park. (3)
- (7) They were beaten 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out by Valencia in the 1980 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final. (7)
- (9) --- Fuccillo, Luton Town midfielder player. (3)
- (10) Reverse the short substitute to get public transport. (3)
- (12) The backing to the goal! (3)
- (13) Gary ---, Sunderland striker. (6)
- (16) Des ---, Aston Villa midfielder player. (7)
- (17) Gerry ---, Rotherham midfielder player. (3)
- (19) Had name taken by the referee. (6)
- (20) Bruce Grob---la---; Liverpool goalkeeper.

ANSWERS
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'SUPER COOPER

-But Davie won't say a word!'

I WOULD never dream of telling Jock Stein how to do his job, but it will sadden me if my Rangers colleague Davie Cooper doesn't make the trip to Spain in the summer for the World Cup Finals.

Obviously the competition for places in the 22-man squad is fierce, but a player of Davie's calibre and quality should never be ignored on the international front.

Having said that, I must also add that Davie doesn't help his own cause sometimes. He says that frankly he will not lose any sleep if he is left out of the Scotland pool.

Now people reading that could easily get the wrong impression. They might think Davie couldn't care less about his country, but they would be very wrong.

Quite simply, he is the type of player who likes to be involved. He is not interested in just making up the numbers.

He tells me of the time when he went to South America four years ago when Scotland toured Chile, Argentina and Brazil while Ally MacLeod was in charge.

Davie didn't play . . . and that didn't keep him happy. He may have gone along for the experience, but if he's not out there on the field he would be better off at home.

If Davie doesn't get the nod from Mr. Stein, you can bet he will be watching every minute of the action on TV back home, kicking every ball with the Scottish players.

Recognised

There is every chance that Davie's special ball playing skills will be recognised by the Scottish boss, though.

Celtic's Dave Provan has been hard hit by injuries this season and that could mean a re-think by Mr. Stein.

Don't get me wrong. I wish the Celtic lad the best of luck in his bid to get to Spain, and I must say here and now that he is one of the most accomplished players I have seen.

But if for some reason or other he didn't get into the pool, I couldn't think of a better right-sided player to claim that place than our own Davie Cooper.

Even better, wouldn't it be nice if the Scottish manager could find places in his squad for both men?

Certainly they are both highly talented individuals whose skills could be a big hit with the neutral fans in Spain.

Davie Cooper, by the way, is one footballer you won't hear being interviewed on the radio or TV. He tells me he can't stand the sound of his own voice!

He may be seen as a rather complex person, but nothing could be further from the truth.

He's a happy-go-lucky bloke who just wants to be involved all the time, whether it's in the light blue of Rangers or the dark blue of Scotland.

I read with great interest a couple of weeks ago that SHOOT listed me among their 'possibles' to go to Spain. I just hope Jock Stein is thinking along similar lines.

I also noticed that SHOOT said Paul Sturrock of Dundee United was a 'possible'. In my opinion,



Rangers' Davie Cooper (right) and Dave Provan of Celtic (below) will be in opposition for Scotland's right-wing position.



Paul is a certainty to be in the 22.

He is such a fine attacker and, like Provan and Cooper, is an individual who can excite and entertain. There aren't too many around like this Tannadice flyer.

His manager at United, Jim McLean, who also happens to be Scotland's number two on the international scene, has curbed Paul's personal appearances recently because he thought it was taking too much out of the player.

I think this is a good idea. Obviously, he won't want to let down any of his fans, but at this stage of the season it's vital to stay sharp.

Yes, I firmly believe Paul Sturrock will be in Spain, and I hope Davie Cooper will be there too.

I'll sign off now with a quick word about the standards which are

currently expected of us Rangers players.

We thought we had done well enough when we scored six goals against Albion Rovers in the Scottish Cup Third Round a few weeks ago, but the boss, John Greig, wasn't exactly delighted at the way we conceded two second-half goals to our Second Division opponents.

Outcome?
Training at Ibrox on Monday, which is normally a day off!

Now I'm not complaining if it helps Rangers achieve the standards Mr. Greig sets out for us. But I must ask when did a team last score six goals in the Cup and get extra training as a punishment?
Having beaten Dumbarton 4-0 in

the Fourth Round, we must have a good chance of winning the Cup again, especially as our old rivals Celtic are out of the way.

That's all for this week . . . look after yourself and I'll see you all in a fortnight.

Ally Dawson

**TARTAN TALK FROM
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SPURS v Eintracht Frankfurt
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Real Madrid v FC Kaiserslautern
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Hamburger SV v Neuchatel
DUNDEE UTD. v Radnicki Nis

SOVIETS COULD BLOCK VILLA CHARGE

EUROPEAN football comes out of its winter hibernation next week, with three of the four British teams having good chances of reaching the Semi-Finals.

Aston Villa, out of form this season and out of luck with the draw that pitched them against Soviet Union aces, face the toughest task in frozen Kiev.

It's an awful journey, but managerless Villa know they've got to get a result to lift sagging morale in the camp.

Star of Kiev is flying winger Oleg Blokhin (29), European Footballer of the Year in 1975 and by all accounts playing better than ever. Seven of the Kiev team are in the USSR's World Cup squad and it's hard to see Villa advancing to the last four.

Liverpool, on the other hand, will be expected to beat CSKA Sofia again, although perhaps not by 5-1 as they did at Anfield in last season's competition.

Critics should have known better than to write-off Liverpool, although when they slipped to 12th place in Division One on Boxing Day it did appear that all was not well at Anfield.

Now we know that there was little wrong with Ronnie Whelan and Ian Rush establishing themselves in the side, plus Mark Lawrenson's calm authority at the back, Liverpool are a good bet for anything. Sofia will find that out next week.

The best match of the night could be at White Hart Lane when Spurs take on West Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt. It'll be Ossie Ardiles' Euro farewell to the Spurs fans — he leaves for Argentina in three weeks to join his country's World Cup squad.

Eintracht are experienced European campaigners and in Austrian central defender

Bruno Pezzey they have one of the world's most accomplished players.

After beating Ajax relatively easily, Spurs made hard work of beating the Irish part-timers from Dundalk. Eintracht will test Spurs to the limit and the Londoners will surely need a two-goal lead to take to Germany.

There's further British involvement in the Cup-Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup as FC Porto (with Mickey Walsh) and Neuchatel (with Don Givens) take on Standard Liege and Hamburger SV.

The Semi-Finals line-up could be: EUROPEAN CUP ... Dynamo Kiev, Liverpool, Bayern Munich and Red Star; CUP-WINNERS' CUP ... Spurs, Dynamo Tbilisi, FC Porto and Barcelona; UEFA CUP ... Real Madrid, Valencia, Hamburger SV and Dundee United, whose exploits in this competition have made fans all over Europe sit up and take notice.



'NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN IT'

says Jim McLean
manager of UEFA Cup hot-shots Dundee United

DUNDEE United are through to the UEFA Cup Quarter-Finals for the very first time but manager Jim McLean admits: "We're not yet good enough to win it."

"I'm very pleased we have progressed so far, of course, because it has given the club a new status."

"There are people all over Europe who might never have heard of us before but will know a lot about us now."

"We're not exactly strangers to this competition. I think this is our sixth time in Europe in the last eight seasons, but never before have we made any real impact."

"Now we have a reputation as one of the most promising sides in Europe."

"I have to look at the situation honestly



David Narey (white strip) helps Dundee United to victory over Winterslag in the last round of the UEFA Cup.

and in my opinion we still have some way to go before we can think in terms of actually winning top European trophies."

McLean has led his side to high-scoring victories in the earlier rounds over Monaco, Borussia Moenchengladbach and Winterslag and must now plot the downfall of Radnicki from Yugoslavia.

"I know we scored five against both Moenchengladbach and Winterslag at Tannadice, but I still feel we're a little bit vulnerable at home. In previous years it has been our home performances that have cost us dearly."

"In all three previous rounds we were away first and that's how we prefer it."

"We even hit five goals over in Monaco and then went down 2-1 to them in the second game in Dundee."

"This time we've got to get it absolutely right at home. There can be no half measures."

"We'll have a big crowd, the atmosphere should be a bit special and the players always enjoy these big European games."

"We do fancy ourselves to score away goals because of our style, but we know it's going to be tight over there, no matter what happens in the first game. But even if we don't go through we're entitled to be pleased at getting this far."

McLean may not consider they're good enough to win it ... but his players could yet prove him wrong.

TOTTENHAM could be joining the mass exodus to Spain this year by appearing in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final at Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium.

That's no idle dream. Everyone at Spurs is confident of going all the way and capturing the trophy they won back in 1963.

With players such as Jimmy Greaves, captain Danny Blanchflower, Bobby Smith, John White and Cliff Jones, Tottenham were proud pioneers for Britain in Europe.

Now the present side have a marvellous opportunity of bringing back those glory days. We have the right formula for Euro-success — quality players, experience and the necessary determination and aggression to get through the two legs.

Spurs need fear no team these days. We don't underestimate anyone, either, especially Eintracht Frankfurt, our opponents in the Quarter-Finals first-leg next week.

Like so many clubs in Britain, Eintracht, who won the West German Championship in 1959 and their Cup in 1974, 1975 and 1981, are over £1 million in debt and facing a battle for survival.

Despite their problems, Eintracht are playing well enough to beat Tony Woodcock's Cologne 4-2 recently to knock them off the top of the Bundesliga.

Currently lying sixth or seventh in the League, Eintracht defeated PAOK Salonika (Greece) and SKA Rostov (USSR) in previous rounds of the Cup-Winners' Cup this season.

They will probably feel they have an advantage playing the second-leg on their home ground. It may be a slight one, but Spurs are capable of keeping it tight at the back.

As Spurs are at home first we will have to stamp our authority on the game straight away. The onus will be on us to attack and take at least a two goal lead to West Germany.

Eintracht will come looking for a 0-0 or 1-1 draw. Like all West German teams they'll hold the ball at

world class by the West German Press.

From what I know, Pezzey is very dangerous at free-kicks and dead-ball situations.

I'm no stranger to European football or Eintracht, having played against them for Aberdeen in the 1979-80 U.E.F.A. Cup.

We drew the first leg 1-1 at Pittodrie when their Korean striker Bum Kun Cha cancelled out Joe Harper's goal.

The Dons were too inexperienced and gave them too much respect in that game, although I thought we were desperately unlucky to lose to a Bernd Holzenbein goal in the return.

Bernd, who is now playing in the United States, also scored in the Final against Borussia Moenchengladbach. Eintracht won on away goals.

Tottenham's match against Eintracht will certainly be a lot tougher than our two previous ties, against Ajax and Dundalk.

We beat the former Dutch giants 6-1 in the First Round. They were a shadow of the club which dominated Europe for several years during the days of Johan Cruyff and Johan Neeskens.

In the Second Round Spurs beat the plucky Irishmen from Dundalk 2-1. Don't be misled by that result either. Spurs completely dominated the two games.

All Dundalk were really concerned with was keeping the

'Spurs have the winning formula'

the back, biding their time, hoping to catch us on the break.

As opposed to the cut-and-thrust action of the League, European football is more a game of chess, with each side cautiously waiting for openings and the chance to pounce.

In Europe you find defenders attack more, so often the dangers comes from the back.

One man on the Eintracht side we'll have to watch is their Austrian sweeper Bruno Pezzey, rated as

RIGHT: Bum Kun Cha scored for Eintracht against Aberdeen in the UEFA Cup two seasons ago. **BELOW:** Big Bruno Pezzey scores in Eintracht's defeat of PAOK Salonika in this season's Cup-Winners' Cup.



scoreline respectable and Spurs had to combat a ten-man defence.

Dundalk managed to restrict Spurs to one goal at White Hart Lane, a result that would send Eintracht home happy. So we will have to go at them with the same determination as Tottenham's Euro-heroes of old.

Finally good luck to Liverpool, Aston Villa and Dundee United, Britain's other representatives in Europe.

Join me again in a fortnight's time.

Steve Archibald

Tottenham Hotspur, the first British club to win a major European trophy when they won the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1963, return to the Euro trail when they entertain West Germans Eintracht Frankfurt at White Hart Lane on Wednesday (March 3). Spurs carry the flag in the Cup-Winners' Cup Quarter-Finals and are fast gaining a reputation as a fine Cup side... let's hope it continues with a convincing first-leg win to take them through to the return in Germany in two weeks time.

Spurs blaze Euro trail

Since returning from a cartilage operation, Garth Crooks (left) has scored some vital goals. Tony Galvin (right) plays wide for Spurs with great effect. Ricky Villa (below) is a potential match-winner as he proved in last season's F.A. Cup Final.



Paul Miller has emerged as a fine defender since making his League debut in April, 1979.





Glenn Hoddle is a talented midfield player who specialises in spectacular goals.

THE GERRY ARMSTRONG SHOW

GERRY Armstrong could be set for the most exciting six months of his football career. Part one of the Gerry Armstrong show was helping Northern Ireland reach the World Cup Finals. Part two — a place in Division One for Watford — could be on the way.

Armstrong, who scored the goal which sent the Irish through to Spain, says: "What a few months it could be. I felt Northern Ireland had a fine chance of going to Spain, but I feared we had blown it."

"When we qualified and I scored the only goal of the decisive match it seemed that things were coming right for me. I believe Watford are good enough to win promotion, and that would complete a fabulous season for me personally."

As the League teams pass the halfway stage in the season, Watford are well placed to make Armstrong a happy man. They are firmly in contention for a promotion place with a spot in the top three, a position they have held for most of the season.

"Winning promotion would be the icing on the cake for me," says Armstrong. "I felt Watford were a good promotion bet before the season started because we had such a good blend of youth and experience. And with Graham

Taylor in charge, almost anything seems possible.

"If I go to Spain with the Irish and then come home a First Division player once again with Watford, it will be the most memorable spell of my career."

That's saying something for the former Tottenham striker, who helped the Londoners climb out of the Second Division at their first attempt back in 1978.

But perhaps it wasn't all plain sailing for Gerry Armstrong, even though he'd scored the goal which sent the Irish to the World Cup Finals. He had lost his regular place in the Watford team around that time, and, dogged by injury for a while, found it hard to get back.

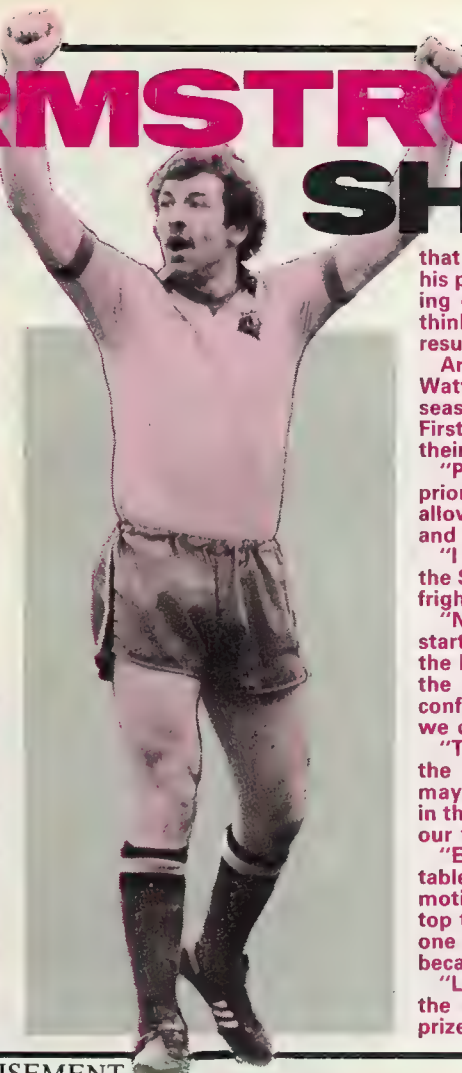
Marvellous

But Armstrong battled hard and fought his way back to star in Watford's marvellous F.A. Cup run when they accounted for Manchester United and West Ham at Vicarage Road.

"There are a lot of competitors for places in the Watford attack," admits Armstrong. "As well as myself, there's also Ross Jenkins and Luther Blissett."

"At the moment, Luther is playing in midfield. I am up alongside Ross in the middle, with Nigel Callaghan and John Barnes out wide."

"But we all know and accept



that the player in form will keep his place. The competition is keeping everybody on their toes and I think this is reflected in our results."

Armstrong is now confident that Watford can gain promotion this season and clinch a place in the First Division for the first time in their history.

"Promotion has always been our priority," he says. "We have never allowed our good form in the F.A. and League cups to sidetrack us."

"I don't think there is anybody in the Second Division we have to be frightened of."

"Now I think we really have to start believing in ourselves. That is the key to it. But our good form in the Cups has given everyone the confidence we need and I'm sure we can make it now."

"The quality of competition in the Second Division this season may not be as high as it has been in the past, but that does not make our task any easier."

"Everybody in the top half of the table will be battling for promotion. Achieving a place in the top three of the Second Division is one of the hardest jobs in football, because the prize is so high."

"Let's hope that by the end of the season we have earned that prize."

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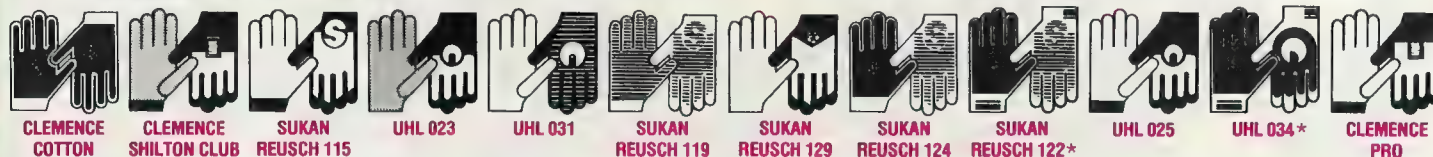
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DODD'S STOKE FEAR

ALAN Dodd has seen a few good teams come and go at The Victoria Ground, Stoke, so when he says the current side could become the best of the lot, he is qualified to judge.

The 28-year-old defender, now in his 12th year with Stoke City, believes that with another quality player added to the present squad, the team could end this season high in the table and launch a serious challenge for honours in 1982-83.

But football needs a maximum transfer fee to allow Stoke and other clubs the chance to progress.

"I'm a local lad," says Dodd. "And while a lot of players say that they always wanted to play for the club they are with, in my case it is true."

"I watched City from the terraces as a boy and saw some great players wearing red and white stripes.

"The 1972 League Cup winning team contained some top-class players, men like Gordon Banks, then the best 'keeper in the world; Mike Bernard who moved on to Everton; Jimmy Greenhoff who went to Manchester United; John Mahoney, big John Ritchie, Peter Dobing and George Eastham.

"Imagine what that lot would cost on today's crazy market! And later, of course, we had the brilliant Alan Hudson. He was a joy to play alongside, a great player who should have been an England regular for years. And don't forget Peter Shilton. But we seem to lose our players, as do so many clubs outside of the top wealthy half-dozen.

"We have sold five players who were first-teamers last season — Paul Johnson to Shrewsbury, Mike Doyle to Bolton, Adrian Heath to Everton, Paul Richardson to

Sheffield United and Jeff Cook to Plymouth. Yet we are still a sound team with great potential."

Although the club recently paid out over £300,000 for Manchester United's Sammy McIlroy, Dodd is frustrated by the fact that such a promising squad may never become genuine title challengers.

"Richie Barker has carried on where Alan Durban left off. Both managers have great respect for Forest manager, Brian Clough, and Mr Barker is a strict man but a fair one. He has the ear of the players and knows how to get the best out of men.

'Restricted'

"But when absurd fees are demanded for players, only a handful of clubs can compete. If he wants a player, he is restricted by the finances available.

"I believe it is time a maximum transfer was introduced. It would be for the good of the game.

"Before long we will have an unofficial super-League within the First Division. We are close to that situation already. Some clubs will be just the buyers and the rest of us will have to face up to the economics and be the sellers.

"This is a tragedy for the game as a whole. I would love to see Stoke get the chance to fulfil our potential. If the right players become available and we add to the squad — this money madness has to slow down soon — then I am convinced we can change our image and our fortunes."

TOUGH tackling Gerry Gow is back at work in his favourite role — as the trouble shooter.

The fiery Scot who helped turn Manchester City from relegation candidates into F.A. Cup Finalists last season has taken on a new challenge at Rotherham.

The £100,000 transfer to join Emlyn Hughes gives tough-guy Gow the chance to prove his reputation as the man to send for when things are going badly.

Gow's not ashamed of his hard-man reputation. "There's as much of an art in tackling as in any other aspect of the game. There's not many good tacklers left," he says.

"I know its my ability as a ball-winner that Emlyn Hughes bought me for — and that was why John Bond took me to Manchester from Bristol City 16 months earlier.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of trying to keep Rotherham in the Second Division — and there's no doubt we've got the ability to do it."

Gow's move from City shortly after recovering from an operation

on his knee came as a surprise to many people.

He had seemed an essential part of the Maine Road set-up after inspiring that F.A. Cup run, and playing a starring role in two games against Tottenham at Wembley.

"I could have stayed," he revealed. "John Bond told me that if I wanted to stay I would be in his side, provided I reproduced the performances I had given before

qualified as a leader — a point Hughes is quick to make. "Gerry has got a lot to offer for the younger players at this club.

"We were slipping away after a reasonable start to the season, and I needed Gerry's experience and strength in midfield."

Gow's new job didn't start too well — he was sent off after only two minutes in the second match for Rotherham after a late tackle which put Derby's Steve Emery in

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the operation. It was a difficult decision. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there, and playing at Wembley was an unforgettable experience.

"But in the end it was the promise of a coaching job that made me decide to move. I've got to be realistic and know that I'm moving towards the end of my playing days. I'll be 30 in May. I wanted to make sure I had some sort of future."

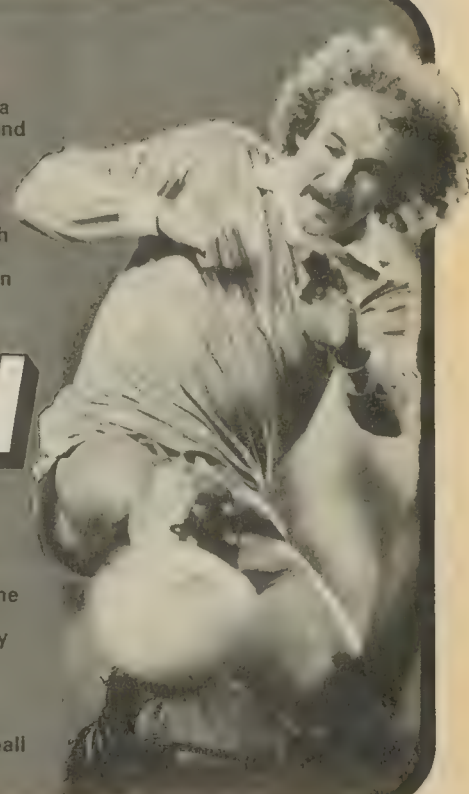
Gow's enthusiasm and commitment make him ideally

hospital with a broken leg.

"That was an accident — I genuinely went for the ball. I'd never try to injure a fellow professional," Gow says.

"Referees are trying to drive the genuine hard tacklers out of the game while some of the sly, dirty players still get away with it.

"Tackling is a dying art, but I can't change the way I play. I realised from an early stage that my strength lay in winning the ball for other people, and I've never tried to hide from that."





GET OUT OF TOWN!

That's John Deehan's advice to unsettled players

MAKE a clean break — that is the advice from England Under-21 striker John Deehan to those players who realise that they have lost their way.

"Get completely clear of the area where you're known to everyone," says John.

He had a fine record for Aston Villa: 42 First Division goals from 110 games. Then he made a highly publicised £400,000 move to neighbouring West Bromwich Albion as they stood third in the table.

It should have been the switch which took John firmly into the England side and made him a star in a winning team. Instead, he has now signed for Norwich City in a £175,000 deal that has taken him

away from hometown Birmingham for the first time in his life.

"As it became more and more obvious that it was not going to work out for me at West Bromwich, I decided that my next move would be clean away from the area," he says. "I was still involved with the same people at The Hawthorns as at Villa Park.

"Invariably I mixed with the same football writers and the same people who follow the game... and all the while there were comparisons to be made by those who knew me at both clubs.

"Even when I sat around the table with the family, the conversation would drift towards 'Aren't you sorry you left Villa?'

"When you think about it, there are so many players whose careers seem to turn stale — as mine did — by staying too close to the scene of original success. Look at Queens Park Rangers' Clive Allen now in the London area!

"I went headlong into West Bromwich but Cyrille Regis and I just didn't click as a front partnership. He played too well with Ally

Brown; that was the top and bottom of what went wrong for me at The Hawthorns."

Now Deehan, 24 and with the best years of his career still ahead, has turned his career inside out.



Deehan's new strike partner Keith Bertschin

Norwich manager Ken Brown looks to have pulled off one of the outstanding transfer coups of the season — and Deehan is determined to prove it.

"His attitude has been something of a surprise, even to me," admits Ken Brown. "You might have thought that he would be suffering a pang or two over leaving the First Division; in fact, he is as sharp as a needle.

"John is tremendously keen and has settled instantly at Carrow Road. His partnership with Keith Bertschin is really exciting."

'Friends'

Deehan confirms: "Yes, we get on excellently. We were close friends at Birmingham when he was at St. Andrews; now I know that we will go well together on the pitch.

"To be honest, I think that just about any striker in the game could hit it off with Keith."

Deehan, who recently faced his former Albion team-mates in the F.A. Cup, is confident that it will not be long before he is back in League opposition to them.

"Everything at Carrow Road is First Division apart from our actual status this season: The players, the office staff, the supporters... they've all been used to the best for so long that they don't think in Second Division terms.

"I would not have joined a club that lacked that kind of ambition. Norwich is a club with a very real challenge; just what I need."

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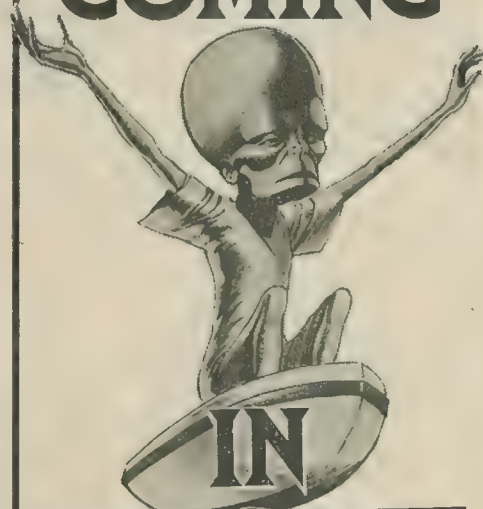
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IN EAGLE

SHOOT investigates the PETER BARNES affair

ONE of the greatest personal tragedies of the past six months has been the fall from grace of Peter Barnes.

It has always been the burning desire of the fair-haired winger to parade his silken skills in the World Cup Finals, and on his day there can be no question he is one of England's best players.

Remember he was the one England player picked out by both the Brazilians and the Italians as a genuine threat to them, and he is possibly more admired on the Continent than he is in his own country.

Yet this season has been a nightmare for Barnes at a time when he should have been accelerating towards Spain.

On the day he moved from West Bromwich Albion to Leeds United for £930,000, Barnes said he expected the move to boost his chance of regaining the England spot he covets so dearly.

His manager Allan Clarke was



class winger who's at his best when he's taking people on, but that doesn't mean to say he shouldn't get involved in the other aspects of the game.

BARNES: I don't believe that. A winger can win a match in the twinkling of an eye, and I don't seem to remember people moaning too much about Stanley Matthews or Garrincha or Gento not defending.

CLARKE: Peter Barnes is a valuable member of my squad. He is worth a million pounds in today's market, but he can forget about the World Cup until he buckles down to it here, stops moaning and gets on with playing football. He has the ability, but he has to channel it for the benefit of the team as a whole.

BARNES: So long as Leeds United play the formation they're employing at present, which is basically 4-4-2 with Aidan Butterworth and Eddie Gray up front, there is no future for me at Elland Road.

PROSECUTION

DEFENDANT

'He does not attack and defend'

— ALLAN CLARKE

clearly delighted to have signed one of the outstanding talents in the country, and he speculated that Peter Barnes would help Leeds in their quest for a major trophy.

But almost from that day to this there has been conflict between the two, resulting in Barnes being dropped and asking for a transfer.

Both men are adamant in their beliefs; Barnes that he should be played as an out-and-out winger, Clarke that his man must fit into the requirements of the team, which means doing more defensive chores.

So who's right and who's wrong? We ask you to judge for yourselves by examining both sides of the argument.

BARNES: When I signed for Leeds United Allan Clarke told me he wanted to play a 4-2-4 formation which would have been ideal for me. He wanted to play an attacking style which was one of the reasons I decided to join Leeds United.

CLARKE: That's true, but due to

VERDICT

'Not guilty' — DENIS LAW

circumstances we had to change the system. I needed a target man for Peter to be used to the best advantage. Unfortunately, the one we expected to sign didn't become available. And then having started the season with that formation results were so bad, especially away from home, we couldn't persevere any longer.

BARNES: The manager asked me to change my style. I even played at centre-forward in two matches, and then he asked me to play a more withdrawn role. I could do that, but I don't see why I should change after the promise that was made to me when I signed. I'm a winger and that's what I'll always be.

CLARKE: Peter has to realise that football is a team game and some-

times players have to adapt and do things they don't like for the benefit of the side. He must fight his way into the side — wherever I want him to play.

BARNES: I think it's sad when clubs don't encourage players like me. The most exciting sight in football is that of a winger taking on the full-back and either cutting in and trying a shot or getting to the byeline to put over a cross. But it seems managers in this country aren't willing to risk playing wingers unless they're the sort who also dash back all the time to defend.

CLARKE: The modern game demands that all 11 players attack AND defend, and at Leeds we haven't got the sort of players to allow Peter a free role. He's a world

'I was told to attack'

— PETER BARNES

Naturally I'm disappointed the move hasn't worked out, but it won't be the end of the world if I don't go to Spain. After all, a lot of famous players never made the World Cup Finals. Perhaps I would be better off playing in Spain or Italy where wingers are appreciated more.

● Peter Barnes has played only 16 first team games for Leeds — yet his career is already very much at the crossroads.

We asked former Scottish international Denis Law to give his verdict on Barnes' dilemma.

LAW: I feel desperately sorry for Peter. He is one of the few world class players in England in my opinion. He was apparently promised that Leeds were going to sign a big target man in the Stapleton, Regis mould and Leeds have not done that. Then they blamed him for their poor results and dropped him because he wouldn't conform. I can understand their reluctance to recall him because results have picked up since he was left out but they might as well sell Peter rather than play him in the reserves, otherwise he'll rot. I've often said he should be in the England team, but if neither Ron Greenwood nor Allan Clarke is willing to play him I think it's a sad reflection on the game.

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Saturday, Jan 30
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Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Bell, Hewitt, McGhee (Black), Weir.

Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Sullivan, Burns, McGarvey, McStay, McCluskey.

DUNDEE (0) 0
ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Bone, McAvennie) 4,628
Dundee: Blair, Cameron, Glennie, McGeachie, McLeish, Kidd, Fraser (Bell), Stephen, Ferguson, Sinclair, Mackie.
St Mirren: Thomson, McCormack, Beckett, Copland, Fulton, Fitzpatrick (Richardson), Abercrombie, McAvennie, McDougall (Logan), Bone.

MORTON 0
PARTICK 0 2,400
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Duffy, McLaughlin, Docherty, Hutchison, Rooney, Houston, Ritchie (Busby).
Stavon (McNeill).
Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Dunlop, Anderson, Jardine, Doyle, Watson, McDonald, Johnston (Sweeney), Clark (Park).

RANGERS (1) 1 (Johnstone) 15,000
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Flavell)
Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, McAdam, Jackson, MacDonald, Russell, Redford (McKay), Cooper, Dalziel, Johnstone.
Hibs: McArthur, Sneddon, Schaedler, Brazil, Patterson, Gallagher, Flavell, Duncan, Rodier, Murray (Jamieson), MacLeod (McNamara).

Scottish Cup

(Second Round)
ALBION (1) 2 (Houston, Dennison (o.g.)) 1,400
INVERNESS CLACH (0) 1 (Kenny)

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Liddell) 397
GALA FAIRYDEAN (0) 1 (Frizzell)

(Third Round)
CLYDE (0) 2 (O'Neill pen, Docherty) 610
MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Boyd, Godfrey)

ALLOA (1) 2 (Paterson, Holt) 1,136
AYR (0) 1 (Connor)

BRECHIN (1) 2 (Cormack, Holt (o.g.))
DUNDEE UTD (1) 4 (Sturrock 2, Dodds, Kirkwood) 4,348

Scottish First

CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (Rennie (o.g.), Coyne) 522
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Blair)

FALKIRK 0
QUEEN'S PARK 0 1,200

HAMILTON 0
ST JOHNSTONE 0 1,067

HEARTS (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Irvine, Coyne, Clinging) 11,054

KILMARNOCK 0
DUMBARTON 0 770

QoS (1) 2 (Cloy pen, Gordon) 750
RAITH (0) 3 (Ballantyne 2, Urquhart)

Scottish Second

EAST FIFE (0) 0
BERWICK (1) 1 (Tait) 449

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Murray) 300
STRANRAER (0) 0

STIRLING (1) 1 (Moffatt) 720
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Fletcher pen)

Monday, February 1

F.A. Cup

(Fourth Round replays)

ORIENT (0) 2 (Foster, Moores) 6,470
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
Orient: Day, Foster, Fisher, Taylor, Gray, Osgood, Godfrey, Margerrison, Moores, McNeil, Hallybone (Silkman).

Huddersfield: Taylor, Brown, Burke, Stanton (Robins), Sutton, Hanvey, Lillis, Kennedy, Fletcher, Austin, Cowling.

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Vinter) 10,647
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Droy, Mayes)
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bate, Downman, Cegielski, Ronson, Fox, McNeil, Edwards (Jones), Vinter, Hunt.
Chelsea: Francis, Locke, Hutchings, Nutton, Droy, Pates, Mayes, Bumstead, Lee, Walker, Rhoades-Brown.

Third Division

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Mercer, Hadley) 5,676
MILLWALL (1) 2 (Neal 2)

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Sherlock, Park) 3,008
BLACKPOOL (2) 3 (Entwistle, Bamber, Hockaday)

Tuesday, Feb 2

League Cup

(Semi-Final, first leg)

IPSWICH (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Rush, McDermott) 26,690
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman (Thijssen), Steggles, Wark, Muhren, Brazil, Mariner, Gates.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Rix, Vaessen) 15,163
WOLVES (0) 1 (Hibbitt)
Arsenal: Wood, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Vaessen, Sunderland (Hawley), Davis, Nicholas, Rix.
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Humphrey, Atkinson, Gallagher, Berry, Hibbitt, Eves (Villazan), Gray, Richards, Brazier.

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Geddis) 19,916
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson (Bullivant), Blair, Ormsby, Mortimer, Bremner, Geddis, Withe, Cowans, Shelton.
Sunderland: Siddall, Venison, Hinnigan, Hindmarch, Clarke, Elliott, Ritchie, Chisholm, Cooke, Pickering, Brown.



David Geddis, Villa's matchwinner against Sunderland.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Bonds) 26,552
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Bond pen)
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Brush (Pearson), Bonds, Martin, Orr, Van der Elst, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Bond, Caton, McDonald, Ryan (Hareide), Kinsey, Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Power.

Second Division

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Richards (og), Moore) 7,487
DERBY (1) 1 (Hill)
Rotherham: Mountford, Hughes, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Townner, Gooding, Moore, Fern, Gow.
Derby: Banovic, Emery (Richards), Buckley, Skivington, Sheridan, Money, Hector, Powell (B), Hill, Wilson, Emson.

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SHREWSBURY (0) 0
BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Walker, Banks) 4,382
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, McLaren, Johnson, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth (Potts), Atkins, McNally, Bates.
 Barnesley: Horn, Law, Chambers, Cooper, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Walker, Aylott, McHale, Wilkes.

Third Division

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Wharton) 5,845
GILLINGHAM (0) 0

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Houghton) 5,044
PRESTON (0) 0

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Bonnyman, Henderson, Parkinson (og))
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Snodin) 6,157

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
BRADFORD (1) 2 (McNiven, Gallagher) 5,084

NORTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Alexander, Phillips, Saxby)
PORT VALE (4) 5 (Hunter 2, Sproson, Chamberlain (M), Greenhoff) 1,644

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Dall)
MANSFIELD (0) 0 2,099

YORK 0
BURY 0 1,713

Scottish Premier

CELTIC 0
HIBS 0 16,700
 Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Sullivan (Halpin), McStay, McGarvey, Burns, McCluskey.
 Hibs: McArthur, Sneddon, Schaedler, Brazil, Paterson, McNamara, Callaghan, Flavell, MacLeod, Murray, Duncan.

Scottish First

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Crawley pen) 450
QOS (0) 1 (Cloy pen)

Scottish Second

ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt)
EAST FIFE (0) 2 (O'Brien, Scott) 379

Wednesday, Feb. 3

League Cup

(Semi-Final, first leg)

WBA 0
TOTTENHAM 0 32,100
 WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, King, Wile, Bennett, Jol, Monaghan (Cross), Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.
 Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Price, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.

Second Division

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Trewick pen, Wharton) 14,361
BOLTON (0) 0
 Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Saunders, Trewick, Barton, Haddock, Mills, Martin, Varadi, Wharton, Waddle.
 Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Bennett, Henry, Jones, Doyle, Hoggan, Foster, Gowling, Cantello, Thompson (Carter).

***NORWICH (1) 2** (O'Neill, Barham)
SHEFFIELD WED (1) 3 (Bannister 2, Pickering) 15,767
 Norwich: Woods, Symonds, Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, Mendham (Barham), O'Neill, Deshan, Bertschin, Bennett.
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Williamson, Pickering, Shirdiff (Peter), Smith, Megson, Shirdiff (Paul), Bannister, Pearson, Mellor.

Third Division

LINCOLN (0) 3 (Peake, Cammack, Shipley pen)
CHESTER (0) 0 2,120

OXFORD (1) 1 (Jones)
READING (0) 0 9,354

Fourth Division

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Bird)
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (McLean, Stalker) 4,548

HEREFORD (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Sanford) 2,253

Group Cup

(Quarter-Final)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Gage) AET 1,835

Scottish Cup

(Second Round replay)

GALA FAIRYDEAN (2) 3 (Russell(og), Notman, Lothian)
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Forrest pen, McParland) 397



WBA's Cyrille Regis takes on Spurs during the first leg of their League Cup Semi-Final clash.

(Third Round replay)

MEADOWBANK (0) 4 (Boyd, Georgeson 2, Hendrie)
CLYDE (0) 2 (Nevin, Docherty) 300

Scottish Premier

PARTICK 0
ABERDEEN 0 2,500
 Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, Dunlop (Park), Watson, McDonald, Jardine, Higgins, Doyle, Clark (Johnston).
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, McMaster (Watson), McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Bell, Black (Cowan), Hewitt, Weir.

ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Richardson)
BRUNDEE UTD (0) 0 5,190
 St. Mirren: Thomson, McCormack, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Fulton, Copland, McEachran (Richardson), McAvennie, Bone, Abercrombie, Scanlon.
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Malpas, Stark, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.

Scottish First

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
RAITH (0) 1 (Gibson) 500

DUNFERMLINE 0
AYR 0 1,400

Scottish Second

BRECHIN (2) 2 (Campbell 2)
BERWICK (0) 0 400

Friday, Feb. 5

Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 1 (Gwyther)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Lewis (og)) 2,513

Saturday, Feb. 6

First Division

BIRMINGHAM 0
MIDDLESBROUGH 0 10,715
 Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Dennis, Dillon, Scott,

Broadhurst, Curbishley, Evans, Worthington, Gemmill, Handysides.
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Ross, Bexter, Nattrass, Cochrane, Otto, Hodgson, Thomson, McAndrew.

BRIGHTON (1) 3 (Grealish, Ryan, Foster)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Heath) 16,148
 Brighton: Moseley, Stevens, Nelson, Grealish, Foster, Gating, Case, Ritchie, Ryan, McNab, Smith.
 Everton: Southall, Stevens, Ratcliffe, Higgins, Lyons (Ross), Richardson, Irvine, Heath, Sharp, Eastoe, Lodge.

LEEDS 0
COVENTRY 0 16,385
 Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Gray (E), Firm, Graham, Parlani, Hamson, Hird.
 Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Barnes, Jacobs, Hagen, Gillespie, Bodak, Bradford, Hateley, Thompson, Hunt.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, February 27th, 1982

A. Villa v Coventry

AFTER eight League visits to Villa Park, Coventry City have yet to win there, although to be fair to them they have done well in drawing five of these games.

Coventry have also failed to score in their last two visits (both defeats) but one wonders whether this Saturday they can take advantage of Villa's slump and maybe register their first League win on this ground.

Everton v West Ham

WEST HAM last won at Goodison Park in November, 1972 when the result was 2-1 and favourite Trevor Brooking was among the scorers.

It is interesting to recall that in 1927-28 Everton's Dixie Dean created his record of 60 First Division goals, Everton gained their record 7-0 win over The Hammers at Goodison, but Dean was absent that day.

The two sides have already met twice this season at Upton Park. The League game last October finished in a 1-1 draw, but when they met again in the F.A. Cup Third Round last month, West Ham won the match 2-1.

Leeds v Liverpool

LIVERPOOL certainly hold a hoodoo over Leeds, for they have now played 16 League games since Leeds last gained a win over The Reds in October, 1973. That was at Elland Road and Mick Jones got the only goal.

In fact, Leeds have failed to score a single goal in their last four First Division games with Liverpool, although it should be mentioned that two of those games were goalless draws.

Man. Utd v Man. City

THIS is the 104th local derby and United lead the way with 37 League victories to 31, with 35 drawn.

City last won a League game at Old Trafford in the final match of 1973-74 when United were relegated. Denis Law scored the only goal of that game.

City may like to recall that way back in 1925-26, the first season of the new offside law, they beat United 6-1 at Old Trafford, but that was largely because the home side were experimenting with a one full-back game in an effort to counteract the new law.

Nottm. Forest v M'boro

SINCE Forest returned to the First Division in 1977, Middlesbrough have drawn two and lost two at the City Ground. The visitors' last League win here was in April, 1973 when Alan Foggon netted twice in a 3-1 victory.

Wolves v Ipswich

IPSWICH have lost only one of their last four First Division games at Molineux. Last season they gained a 2-0 win there with goals by Alan Brazil and Paul Mariner, and have since beaten Wolves twice at Portman Road — 3-1 last season and 1-0 earlier in this campaign.

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West Brom's Cyrille Regis celebrates his golden goal against Norwich.



Garry Thompson hails the first of four Coventry goals against Oxford.



Chelsea winger Peter Rhoades-Brown blasts the first against mighty Liverpool. Blues won 2-0.



After hitting the jackpot with our predictions for the F.A. Cup Fourth Round, SHOOT came a cropper with some of our Fifth Round tips. But we make no apologies, for it is the uncertainty of the F.A. Cup which makes it the greatest competition in the world.

Super Shrewsbury — 2-1 conquerors of much fancied Ipswich.



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David Fogg, Mal Shotton, Paul Berry, Tim Smithers, Ian Greaves
(former manager).
FRONT ROW: Keith Cassells, Malcolm Page, John Doyle, Bill Jeffrey,
Mark Jones, Jason Seacole, Kevin Brock



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

OXFORD United are not a club renowned for making news headlines. So this season has come as something of a shock to those accustomed to life at the Manor Ground.

United first made the back pages when financial troubles threatened to close the club for good not so long ago.

Only the intervention of millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell with £120,000 saved them from extinction.

Out of gratitude, the Oxford board made Max-

well their chairman. The players rewarded him with a fine F.A. Cup run, including a marvellous 3-0 win at the home of First Division Brighton.

It was a result which thrust many of those United heroes into the spotlight. It also reminded many in the game that manager Ian Greaves was still alive and kicking after being sacked by Bolton a couple of years back.

One club to take more notice than most of Greaves' feats was Wolves, who a few weeks ago appointed him as their new manager.

It was an appointment which has provoked a furious argument. Maxwell is claiming he has been let down badly by Greaves, by Wolves and by the

gentleman's agreement which forbids the poaching of managers.

He also claims he would not have made his life-saving cash injection had he known of Greaves' intentions earlier.

For his part, Greaves claims he had no contract at Oxford and has broken no agreement, neither written nor verbal.

It is an argument which is sure to drag on for a lot longer, and a sad end to the Oxford United story.

But it is a tale which needn't end there. For despite Greaves' departure for bigger things, the Oxford players have continued their fine form

under the guidance of acting manager Roy Barry. In Keith Cassells and Peter Foley they have one of the most lethal goalscoring partnerships in the Third Division. Oxford could face a struggle to keep hold of their free-scoring strikers.

Young Andy Thomas is also one of the hottest prospects to be found in the lower half of the League. Added to the youthful talents of Kevin Brock and Jason Seacole, Oxford have players of sufficient quality to turn their current match-winning performances into a Third Division promotion spot at the end of the season.

And that, surely, would be a much happier ending.

MARCO TARDELLI

ITALY

REMEMBER how he marked Kevin Keegan out of the game and still found time and space to hit Italy's winner in the 1980 European Championship clash with England?

Marco Tardelli is one of the best defensive midfielders Italy has ever produced.

He's disciplined; he tackles hard; marks tight; and uses the ball well when he wins it.

Born on September 24th, 1954, Tardelli made his first League appearances as an 18-year-old with Pisa in the Italian equivalent of the Third Division.

In 1974 he joined Como, a division higher, and only a season later he was making his first team debut in the black-and-white shirt of Juventus.

In the last seven seasons he's topped 250 appearances for his club and has picked up League, Cup and UEFA Cup medals.

In the meantime he'd pulled on the Italy shirt for the first time in the 'B' team in 1976, and after just two games was promoted to the 'A' side.

A firm fixture ever since, Tardelli wore the number 14 shirt in Italy's impressive 1978 campaign and now heads for his second World Cup in Spain.



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JAN CEULEMANS

BELGIUM

THE tall, blond striker smashed into the headlines during Belgium's surprise run into second place in the 1980 European Championship Finals, when his thrilling high-speed skills posed a constant threat and proved one of the decisive factors in the success of the Belgians' counter-attacking style.

In the number 11 shirt, he prowled along both flanks, waiting to pounce, and combining well with his great friend and ex-Lierse team-mate Erwin Vandenberg.

Born on February 28th, 1957, in Lierse, Ceulemans began his career with the local club, and it was youth trainer Gust Baeten who converted the 16-year-old midfielder into a left-flank striker, even though Jan himself admits he's stronger with his right foot.

Finally he was transferred from Lierse to FC Bruges where he was expected to take over from the legendary Raoul Lambert, and his game suddenly 'came good' in the 1979-80 season when he produced superb League form.

Ceulemans is now a third of the way towards overhauling Paul Van Himst's record of 84 Belgian caps.

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SURPRISE PACKET PUCKETT

THE name David Puckett does not spring readily to mind when thinking of the players at Southampton, whose roll-call includes Keegan, Ball and Channon.

But one man who values the worth of the 21-year-old striker is Lawrie McMenemy, the manager who has taken Southampton to the top of the First Division for the first time in their 97-year history.

He says: "David is one of several young players who have progressed into the first team during the past couple of years. And none of them has let us down."

David Puckett's 90 minutes of glory came a week before Southampton's climb to the top of the domestic footballing tree.

He scored twice in Saints' 3-1 home win over Arsenal and established himself as the club's latest young player success story.

In the past two years, George Lawrence, David Wallace, Reuben Agboola, Puckett himself and, of course, Steve Moran have all progressed to the first team from Southampton's fertile youth policy. So what is the secret?

McMenemy says: "It is important for us to produce our own talent, because we haven't sufficient money to buy many players."

"One must remember that a player who makes his debut for us

at the age of 20 has probably been at the club for four years. In that time they would have learnt a lot.

"Some clubs' youngsters work just in the mornings. Ours stop at five o'clock in the afternoon only if all the jobs are done. In a day they will have two sessions of football and also do the menial tasks like sweeping out the dressing rooms.

'Appreciate'

"In the past year, players like Charlie George, Dave Watson and Terry Gennoe have all left Southampton. Whereas other clubs might be able to afford to buy replacements, we must rely on people emerging from within. Our young players appreciate this and have an incentive to work harder at their game.

"We have a good track record with our youngsters and now that

Southampton are doing well, boys are attracted to the club.

"We won the Football Combination last season and the average age of our reserve team is about 19. This is very encouraging for the future."

Puckett, whose brace against Arsenal came in only his second full League game, says: "All the young players are keen to repay the manager for all the help he's given us.

"He inspires you with confidence. He told me before the Arsenal game that, although I was playing alongside Kevin Keegan and Mike Channon in attack, I must be selfish and greedy. He made me feel as important as they

were."

Puckett, locally-born, has always dreamt of playing for Southampton's first team. He says: "That is what I'd always set my sights on. I've played for every Southampton side since first appearing for the schools team as a ten-year-old. I spent two years in the reserves before receiving my chance."

Not all young players make it at Southampton, as McMenemy explains: "If myself and a player feel that it would be best if he moved, then I'm prepared to release him. The Third and Fourth Divisions are scattered with players who began their careers at Southampton.

"I pay the youngsters a basic salary. There is no incentive, except to work for me and themselves."



Puckett (left) blasts the first of his two goals against Arsenal.

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THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISION ROUND-UP

FROM reading your daily paper or watching television you could be forgiven for thinking that the death knell was being sounded for the entire Third and Fourth Divisions.

All the publicity concerning clubs at the lower level was bad, to say the least.

We had *Bristol City* within ten minutes of going out of business. *Darlington* and *Halifax* have launched public appeals for money to avoid the threat of going the same way.

And *Oxford*, having been saved from extinction by new chairman Robert Maxwell, were involved in a bitter row with Wolves after losing manager Ian Greaves to the Molineux club.

Yet it is not all gloom and doom — not by a long way. Look behind the headlines and you will find stories to warm the heart in these chilly economic times for football.

Fulham have provided one with a spirited surge to the top of the Third Division.

They have been led there by the swashbuckling Malcolm Macdonald — a man who looks set to

Boom time for Fulham

make as big an impression as a manager as he did a player with Newcastle, Arsenal and England.

Macdonald has never been one to lack confidence in his own ability. So when he told the Fulham board, before a ball had been kicked, to insure against promotion so they would be in a position to pay the bonuses due to the players, they listened.

It was a wise precaution. For Supermac — who took over as manager on November 5, 1980 — is providing some real fireworks at Craven Cottage.

The way Fulham are playing suggests their rise is no flash-in-the-pan and they will be in the hunt at the finish.

Macdonald believes in wooing the cash customers by producing attacking, entertaining football. It's working for him — and for Ian Porterfield, who took over as manager of *Sheffield United* during the summer.

Ian moved in at Bramall Lane as



United slumped into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history. He was determined to get them out at the first attempt — and looks like succeeding despite a recent hiccup in results.

They have a side packed with experience and ability and Porterfield added another useful acquisition to his squad when he paid *Blackpool* £100,000 for Colin Morris.

The former Southend and Burnley winger is worth a lot more than that. But *Blackpool* had to take what was offered because they, too, were threatened by the bailiffs.

But the League's newest club, *Wigan*, have brought a ray of sunshine to the scene by racing away at the top of the Fourth Division.

Their success is a tribute to the methods of player-manager Larry Lloyd, 'new boy' at the game. He played under managers as formidable as Bill Shankly and Brian Clough and has clearly learned something from them.

Another of Clough's former proteges, Roy McFarland, is also thriving in his first taste of management — revitalising *Bradford City* and keeping them well in the hunt for a promotion place.

Shocked

Bournemouth, who are also in the hunt for promotion from Division Four, were shocked when manager Dave Webb walked out after a row with chairman Harold Walker, but later returned to patch up the row.

And good luck to *Newport's* new boss Colin Addison, who has taken over from Len Ashurst.

Back at the top of the Third Division Bob Stokoe is putting his second spell in charge of *Carlisle* to good use. Aided and abetted by Pop Robson, Carlisle strung together an impressive sequence of results to keep among the pacemakers.

Southend are in there, too. We have tipped them to do well in the past — and they have let us down. Perhaps they are about to repay the faith we have shown in them.

Millwall suffered a blow with the news that two of their most experienced players — strikers John Mitchell and Chris Guthrie — had to give up the game because of injury problems.

And *Northampton* — bottom of the Fourth Division — saw two more directors resign. That leaves them with four ... and they started the season with nine!



Fulham (light shirts) are looking good for promotion, as are Wigan, now under the management of Larry Lloyd (inset).

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1974 WEST GERMANY

THE World Cup of 1974 was totally dominated by Europe. Only one game against South American rivals was lost, when Brazil beat East Germany 1-0.

England had failed to qualify for the first time, losing out to a Polish side who shocked the world with their swift, attacking style.

British interest, therefore, centred around the Scots, who were competing in their first World Cup since 1958.

Under the management of Willie Ormond, they made a winning start against Zaire, but ironically it was this game, their only victory, which was to cause their demise.

Although Peter Lorimer and Joe Jordan both scored, the Scots were unable to turn their dominance into further goals against the team who were clearly the worst of the 16 Finalists.

Brazil and Yugoslavia, also in Group Two, could only manage a goalless draw, but Ormond soon realised how damaging that first result was to be when Yugoslavia crushed the Africans 9-0.

Brazil, without Pele, Tostao, Gerson and Clodoaldo, were a poor imitation of the team which had won the World Cup four years earlier.

But despite a fine performance from Scotland skipper Billy Bremner, the Brazilians did enough to earn a goalless draw, leaving Scotland needing both points from their game against Yugoslavia.

Unbeaten

In Frankfurt they dominated throughout. But a goal against the run of play from Yugoslav sub Karasi signalled the beginning of the end for Scotland.

Joe Jordan equalised, but it wasn't enough. With Brazil beating Zaire 3-0, Scotland went out on goal difference — the only unbeaten team.

Group One, featuring both East and West Germany, was a tedious affair.

West Germany struggled to beat Chile by a single goal, beat a hard-working Australian side by three and then lost to their near neighbours.

It was the first time that the two Germanys had met. But the game, played in Hamburg, was notable only for the strict security lest anybody should have any ideas of defecting to the West.

East Germany won with a goal from Jurgen Sparwasser to head the group. The hosts went through as runners-up — a blessing in disguise as events turned out.

Like the Scots, Italy were punished for their failings against the weakest team in Group Three — Haiti.

Haitian striker Sanon became the first player to beat Italian 'keeper Dino Zoff in 1,147 minutes of international football and although Italy fought back to win 3-1, the damage had been done.

After the game, Haitian centre-half Jean-Joseph failed a dope test. He was last seen being dragged from the team hotel by stern faced Haitian officials.

Not surprisingly, team morale collapsed. The Central Americans

created by the marvellous Ajax team of the early '70's and a system whereby every member of the team was expected to do his duty both in defence and in attack.

It was this non-stop, uninhibited approach which allowed the Dutch to completely steamroller so many opponents.

Sweden, who surprisingly held the Dutch to a goalless draw, also drew with Bulgaria. But they went through to the last eight by courtesy of a 3-0 defeat of Uruguay.

Instead of the customary knock-out Quarter-Finals, the 1974

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were then beaten 7-0 by Poland and 4-1 by Argentina.

Poland, in fact, were proving to be a much better side than they had been given credit for when beating England in the qualifying games.

In Lato, Deyna, Gadocha and Szarmach they possessed some of the best players of the tournament. As well as beating Haiti, they also overcame Argentina 3-1 and Italy 2-1 to win Group Four.

Argentina, with talented young ball players in Houseman, Kempes, Ayala and Babington, also went through on goal difference from the Italians.

Group Three, featuring Holland, Uruguay, Sweden and Bulgaria, was a virtual walkover for the Dutch.

With the brilliance of Cruyff and the more than able assistance of Neeskens, Rensenbrink, Krol and Van Hanegem, Holland brought a new style to the '74 Finals — total football.

It was a style which had been

World Cup now featured two groups of four teams, the winner of each group qualifying for the Final and the runners-up contesting third and fourth place.

West Germany, by losing to the East Germans, went into the much easier group with Yugoslavia, Sweden and Poland.

The Dutch, now many people's favourites, were against Brazil, Argentina and East Germany in Group A.

Brazil opened with a 1-0 win against East Germany, Rivelino scoring the goal, while the Dutch swamped luckless Argentina 4-0.

Cruyff was absolutely unstoppable that day, scoring twice and setting up Rep for another.

Rensenbrink and Neeskens took over for the next game, a 2-1 defeat of East Germany. Brazil beat their South American rivals Argentina 2-1. It was the first time these two had met in the World Cup.

The decisive game, then, was Holland v Brazil in Dortmund.



Billy Bremner (above, left, dark shirt) narrowly misses for Scotland against Brazil. Haiti's Sanon (above) scores v. Italy. Johan Cruyff (right) scores against Argentina. Johan Neeskens (below) sends West German 'keeper Sepp Maier the wrong way to put Holland 1-0 up in the Final. The Germans fought back to win 2-1.





Straight away the Brazilians made their intentions clear — to stop Cruyff and Co. at any cost.

They kicked, tripped and hacked at the Dutchmen, who were not slow to retaliate.

It was no surprise when Brazilian skipper Luis Periera was dismissed for a dreadful foul on Neeskens, but by then the damage had already been done.

Marvellous goals from Neeskens and Cruyff gave Holland a 2-0 win. They had qualified for the World Cup Final, where they were to meet hosts West Germany in Munich.

Although they also had a 100 per cent record in their group games, the Germans were much less impressive.



CRUYFF



Goals from Paul Breitner and the now veteran Gerd Muller gave them victory over Yugoslavia, but in their next game, against Sweden they had to fight back from two goals down.

Their final game, against a Poland side who had also won both matches, was played in atrocious weather in Frankfurt.

The pitch was virtually unplayable due to a terrible downpour, a handicap which affected the Poles' free-flowing style much more severely.

Sepp Maier made brilliant saves from Lato and Gadocha, Jan Tomaszewski saved Uli Hoeness' penalty and with time running out the ever dependable Muller blasted home the only goal.

Marvellous

And so to the Final, to be staged in the marvellous Olympic Stadium in Munich.

Before the game had even begun it had been built into a clash of the superstars: Beckenbauer v Cruyff.

But German manager Helmut Schoen pulled off a tactical master stroke by consigning not 'Der Kaiser' to mark the quicksilver Dutchman, but the tough-tackling Bertie Vogts.

Within a minute of the Final kicking off, however, Cruyff had confirmed the worst fears of the German boss.

Collecting the ball in midfield, he swept past Vogts with amazing ease and was abruptly upended by the challenge of Uli Hoeness.

English referee Jack Taylor immediately pointed to the spot,

and despite German protests Johan Neeskens stepped forward to send Maier the wrong way with his well struck penalty.

But despite their superiority, the Dutch never threatened to score again and maybe bury the Germans — a let up they soon had cause to regret.

Bernd Holzenbein collected from Paul Breitner and cut inside. Wim Jansen pulled him down and the Germans were awarded a penalty. Breitner scored to equalise for the Germans.

Now the Dutch were all at sea as the Germans poured forward in search of a second goal.

Vogts and Beckenbauer stretched Jongbloed to the limit with rasping shots and Rijsbergen cleared off the line from Hoeness' cunningly placed effort.

But two minutes from half-time Gerd Muller scored what was to prove the winning goal.

Rainer Bonhof beat Arie Haan for speed on the wing, centred low into the middle and Muller dragged the ball past Jongbloed for the most crucial goal of his illustrious career.

Despite much misplaced effort after the break, the disheartened Dutch never looked like levelling.

They had played probably their worst game of the tournament in the most important game and once more the host nation had taken the World Cup.

NEXT WEEK:
More heartache for the Dutch

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GROUP 1										P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
West Germany	(1)1	Chile	(0)0							Poland	3	3	0	0	12	3	6			
East Germany	(0)2	Australia	(0)0							Argentina	3	1	1	1	7	5	3			
West Germany	(2)3	Australia	(0)0							Italy	3	1	1	1	5	4	3			
East Germany	(0)1	Chile	(0)1							Haiti	3	0	0	3	2	14	0			
Chile	(0)0	Australia	(0)0							GROUP A										
East Germany	(0)1	W. Germany	(0)0							Brazil	(0)1	E. Germany	(0)0							
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East Germany				3	2	1	0	4	1	5	Netherlands	(1)2	E. Germany	(0)0						
West Germany				3	2	0	1	4	1	4	Brazil	(1)2	Argentina	(1)1						
Chile				3	0	2	1	1	2	2	Netherlands	(0)2	Brazil	(0)0						
Australia				3	0	1	2	0	5	1	Argentina	(1)1	E. Germany	(1)1						
GROUP 2																				
Brazil	(0)0	Yugoslavia	(0)0							Netherlands				P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	(2)2	Zaire	(0)0							Brazil	3	3	0	0	8	0	6			
Brazil	(0)0	Scotland	(0)0							East Germany	3	2	0	1	3	3	4			
Yugoslavia	(0)0	Zaire	(0)0							Argentina	3	0	1	2	1	4	1			
Scotland	(0)1	Yugoslavia	(0)1											3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Brazil	(1)3	Zaire	(0)0							GROUP B										
				P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Poland	(1)1	Sweden	(0)0						
Yugoslavia				3	1	2	0	10	1	4	West Germany	(1)2	Yugoslavia	(0)0						
Brazil				3	1	2	0	3	0	4	Poland	(1)2	Yugoslavia	(1)1						
Scotland				3	1	2	0	3	1	4	West Germany	(0)4	Sweden	(1)2						
Zaire				3	0	0	3	0	14	0	Sweden	(1)2	Yugoslavia	(1)1						
GROUP 3																				
Netherlands	(1)2	Uruguay	(0)0							West Germany				P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	(0)0	Bulgaria	(0)0							Poland	3	3	0	0	7	2	6			
Netherlands	(0)0	Sweden	(0)0							Poland	3	2	0	1	3	2	4			
Bulgaria	(0)1	Uruguay	(0)1							Sweden	3	1	0	2	4	6	2			
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Sweden				3	1	2	0	3	0	4	FINAL: Munich 7.7.74									
Bulgaria				3	0	2	1	2	5	2	Attendance 77,833									
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IPSWICH skipper Mick Mills has made up his mind. He's off to Spain this summer for the World Cup.

But before England manager Ron Greenwood gets the impression that Mick thinks his place is guaranteed, the 33-year-old defender explains: "I'm taking nothing for granted."

"All I'm saying is that I definitely intend being in Spain in some capacity. Obviously, I hope I'll be there to represent my country but even if I'm not included I still plan to make the trip."

"I don't like looking on the black side but I'd go to Spain as a supporter if it was necessary. I've never been to a World Cup tournament before and I'm not going to miss this one for anything."

"Even when it was held in England in 1966 I watched it on television, except for one game at the White City."

Mills was a teenager then with just a handful of appearances for Ipswich behind him. But now, 17 years and more than 700 games later, he is among the most experienced players in Europe.

Three times England captain in

his 35 senior international outings, Mills admits: "If I'm selected for the squad it will be the highlight of my career. Right from the very start it has been my ambition to play in the World Cup Finals."

"I know this is my last chance to realise that ambition because of my age and there are several other players in the same situation. It's now or never for all of us."

But Mills, once handed a free transfer by Portsmouth when they disbanded their youth scheme, realises playing for a successful club like Ipswich must have its advantages. "I could hardly be with a better or more successful club," he says.

It was for this reason that he rejected a bid by struggling Sunderland to lure him to Roker Park earlier in the season. Not only was he wanted for his leadership qualities and vast experience, but also to become manager Alan Durban's assistant.

But even the security of a five-year contract could not tempt Mills to move North. He makes no secret of his desire to enter football management when his playing days are over but the Sunderland offer came along too soon.

Mills explains: "I want to win the title with Ipswich and to play for England in the World Cup Finals. At the moment they are my two ambitions and becoming a manager can wait."

"If I quit playing and don't have a Championship medal I'll feel something was missing from my career."

"I won't have a better chance than this season with Ipswich. The Sunderland offer was a great opportunity but it wouldn't have done my England chances any good."

The World Cup draw, he feels, gives England a good chance of progressing to the Quarter-Final stage. But he adds: "I want England to go to Spain with the best 22 players at their disposal, in the best possible condition and to do well."

"Every player who thinks he is a contender for a place has to play well between now and when Ron Greenwood picks the squad."

The ever-dependable Mills, a worthy ambassador for club and country, is a strong favourite to make Greenwood's final 22. But in the unlikely event of him being excluded, it's a trip he has no intention of missing any way.

MILLS IS DEFINITELY GOING TO SPAIN

EIGHTEEN months ago Tommy Burns, the elegant Celtic midfielder man, decided that he had to change his ways.

That quick temper had to be curbed — and Burns had to take more responsibility on the field.

He admits now: "I had wasted a whole season. I was sent-off against Aberdeen and couldn't get back into the side after suspension."

"After that I had a succession of injuries. For more than half a season I wasn't in the first team."

"That was ridiculous. I took a long hard look at myself and decided to try to change."

That change meant a chance of playing for his country.

He was in the Scotland squad for the British Championship last summer and played against Northern Ireland.

Now his aim is a spot in the

Burns cools down

World Cup squad for Spain. His place in the 40 is certainly assured but the 22 to travel will be difficult for him to reach.

But his form for Celtic has been impressive and he has picked up only two bookings.

Mention of them brings a wry smile and an admission: "My behaviour is not perfect yet but I know I have to walk away from trouble as much as possible."

"It isn't always easy but it is the best way isn't it? I didn't want another wasted season. I have too much to aim for."

"I want to help Celtic win honours and it would be the greatest thing in my career if I did get into the squad for Spain."

Still only 25-years-old, Burns has collected eight Under-21 caps

before that solitary full honour at Hampden.

He says: "I've tried to accept responsibility on the field. The boss, Billy McNeill, is always on at me to do that."

"He thinks I should take control of games. I think I have been doing that more often and I would like to think my form has been good."

"But, with Celtic, it is good to know that if you are not hitting form yourself there are other people who will step in to do a job."

"Frank McGarvey and George McCluskey have been outstanding this season. Honestly, it is great to know if you are in any trouble at all, you've only to hit a long ball up-front and these two will worry the life out of any defence."



MILAN MISERY FOR JORDAN

Was it a mistake for Jordan to go to Milan?

Although so far things have not worked out as hoped for Joe, at the time of his decision to leave Manchester United to join A.C. Milan the prospects looked most promising. Of all the possible options, the deal with the Italian club was definitely the best: A.C. Milan was a club of great traditions, as well as sound financial means, so everything led to think that the transfer could be a step in the right direction. After a year of forced relegation in the Second Division because of the Bribery Scandal, it was to be expected that the management and players would try their best to return to the highest levels of performance and results. One should bear in mind that A.C. Milan, founded in 1899, has always been a major contender for the Italian title, which it has won ten times so far. From the financial point of view, Jordan had secured a contract worth something in the region of £200,000 for two seasons. So in August last year the whole deal seemed very viable indeed.

Would he have been more successful with another club?

Again, when he made his choice, there weren't other clubs in Italy interested in him which could offer the same prospects and financial terms as A.C. Milan. As it has turned out, the quality of the players and of team performance has shown a lot of deficiencies. On the other hand, it is clear that if Jordan had found himself in a well-oiled and powerful machine he would not have found it so difficult to prove his case. In this respect, he was not so lucky as Liam Brady, who at Juventus found himself surrounded by ten of the best Italian

players, most of them internationals, and could establish himself as a success from the beginning.

Has Jordan been a failure — or is that being too unkind?

Considering that Jordan is a striker, and that A.C. Milan wanted him to score goals, with only one goal scored in 19 League games he can hardly be called a success. But the performance of his team-mates has been equally disappointing, and A.C. Milan are now fighting

SHOOT examines Joe Jordan's disappointing first season in Italian football, which has seen him struggle to score, dropped from the team and criticised by the fans and Press.

relegation and tiresome. Radice was sacked in January, but things do not seem to have changed much.

What is the general feeling in Italy about Jordan?

Sadly, the number of experts and fans who still believe in his talent is shrinking by the hour. The great enthusiasm with which his arrival in Italy and his goals in pre-season matches were greeted is long gone. That most dedicated of his Italian supporters were hoping

JOE'S TALE OF WOE

relegation. It is hard to tell how much of this is Joe's personal responsibility, but everyone in Italy now wonders how he could establish himself among the highest ranking British players.

What's gone wrong for Jordan and Milan this season?

A major source of trouble was the new manager. Gigi Radice, with a brilliant record with Torino and Bologna, seemed the right man to lead A.C. Milan on its comeback to the First Division. But his authoritarian approach resulted in serious rows with the players, who particularly resented his training methods, considered to be too de-

that, once Radice had gone, Joe could fulfil his promises. But so far he has been a mere shadow, and Gianni Rivera, former golden boy of A.C. Milan and Italy, has commented: "I can't see how Jock Stein can employ Jordan with Scotland in Spain in his present condition."

Have there been any plusses to come out of the transfer?

Giuseppe Farina, the man who took over the chair at A.C. Milan and sacked Radice at the beginning of the year, is still confident that Jordan will eventually prove his worth, and is prepared to try everything to help him. He has gone so far as to suggest that Joe should go back to Scotland with his family for a couple of weeks to relax. Officially no one at A.C. Milan has yet mentioned that Jordan should leave for good. The only suggestions in this respect have all come from statements or stories in the British Press of clubs like Leeds or Manchester City being interested in signing Jordan if he decides to go back.

Brady, too, is having a poor season. Why is this?

Frankly, it is one of the few unsolved mysteries of the present Italian season. So far Brady has shown not even half the form which established him top scorer with Championship-winning "Zebras" last season. He admits he is not at his best, but gives no particular reasons.

Will Milan be relegated again?

At the moment there are no signs they will escape. If Milan can't reverse the trend in the remaining part of the season, no doubt they will go back to the Second Division.

Is Jordan expected to stay in Italy for another season?

According to his contract, yes. But if things do not change quickly, he will surely be transferred, and given the circumstances he will probably be happy to go.



A warning to new signing Neil Orr...



THE name Neil Orr did not mean too much to Billy Bonds when he came from Morton to join West Ham in a £400,000 deal last month.

But even though the Scottish Under-21 international was something of an unknown quantity at Upton Park, Bonds knew straight away that his place in the West Ham team was under challenge.

"Our manager John Lyall is a very shrewd operator in the transfer market, and when he pays out that sort of money you can be sure that the new lad is a good player," says Bonds.

"Obviously at 35 the club must start to think about somebody to replace me when I decide to call it a day, but I'm not ready to go just yet.

"I've got another two years on my contract after this season and have never given a thought to retiring before it is out.

"I have always looked after myself. I feel good and my general fitness is as good as ever.

"All I can do at the moment is to keep punching away and trying to prove that, even at 35, there is life in the old dog yet."

Orr's first appearance in a West Ham shirt came when injury ruled out midfield star Alan Devonshire.

It is interesting to note that it was the newcomer who played alongside Alvin Martin in the centre of defence while captain Bonds had to move forward to fill in for the absent Devonshire.

But it was even more interesting to note that Bonds revelled in his new role. Battling harder than ever, he set up two of the three goals scored against WBA, Orr's debut game, and followed that up with a valuable equaliser in the 1-1 home draw with Manchester City.

"Whatever John Lyall does is for the good of the team," continues Bonds. "That comes before all else, and if the boss tells me to go into midfield I go along with his decision one hundred per cent."

"Things have really been bubbling here for the past three years and the only thing that matters is that West Ham keep on thriving and flourishing."

'Replace'

"If the manager decides they can do better without me, so be it. If Neil Orr comes in to replace me then I'll be the first to wish him all the best."

"But I feel quite happy with my current form and see no reason why I should not continue to do a little job for the team."

It is that kind of dedication and

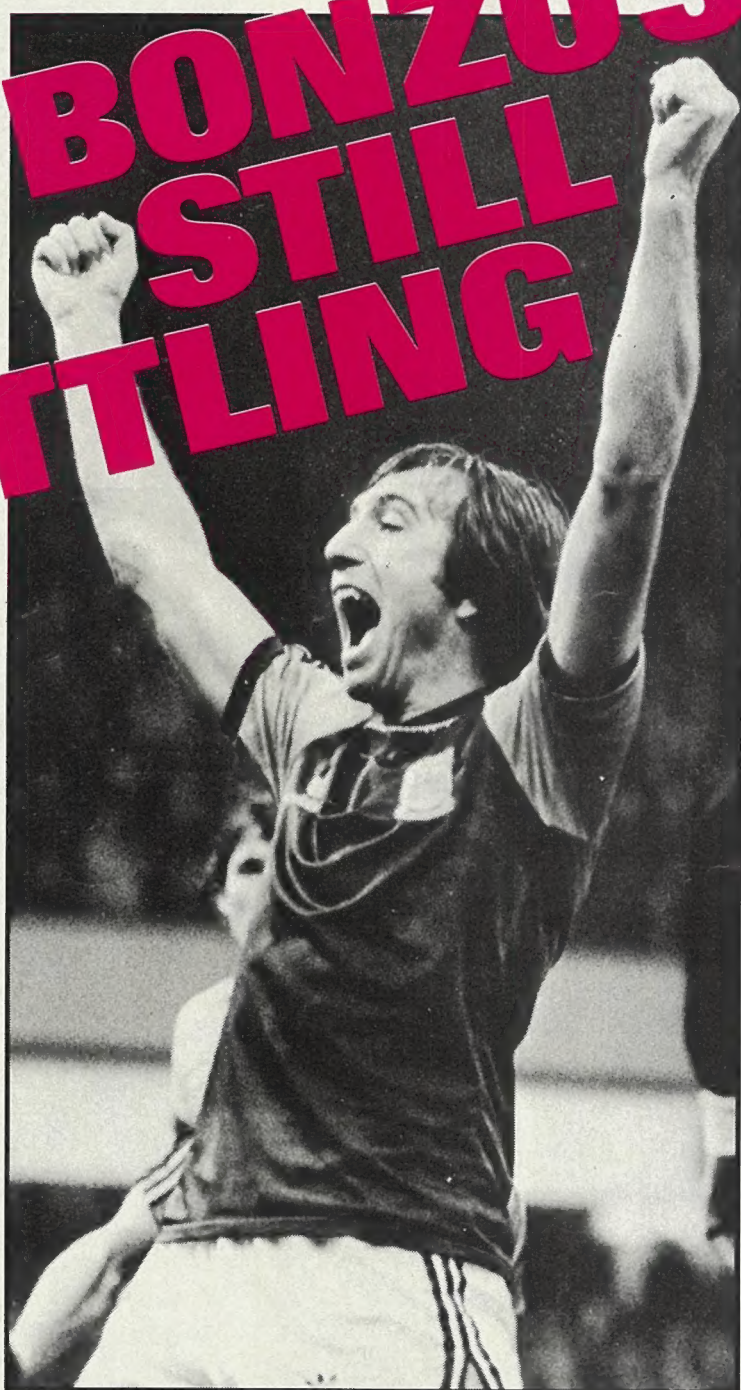
loyalty which has won Billy Bonds many admirers within the game over the years.

And the latest recruit to the Bonds Appreciation Society is Neil Orr himself, who says: "Even when I was with Morton I was a great admirer of Billy's wholehearted commitment and fighting spirit."

"Arriving at Upton Park and playing in the same team has only made me appreciate those qualities even more."

"Billy is such a fit and able character I could wait another ten years before he is through! He is capable of holding down a place in the team for a good deal longer yet."

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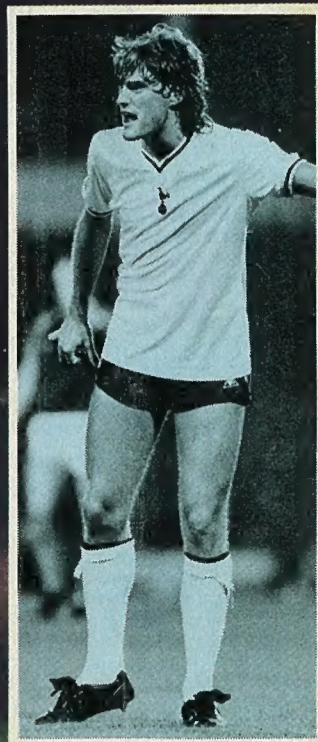
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